

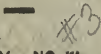
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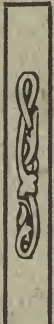
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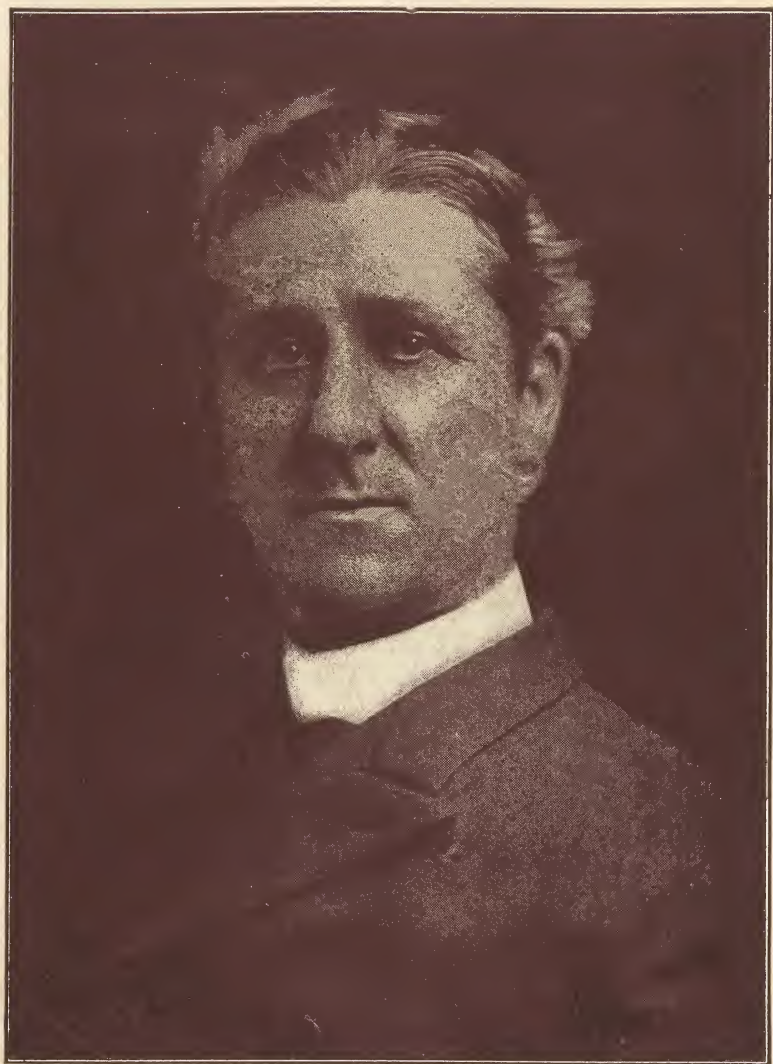
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CHRONOLOGICAL ROLL

Note—Figures on left indicate the year of admission into Travelling Connection. The figures on the right denote number of years service in present charge. The names in black face are undergraduates.

Year	NAME	Nativity	ADDRESS	Year
1902	Basket, J. R.	Tennessee	Texas City, Texas	4
1910	Beedle, J. H.	Louisiana	Hughes Spr'gs, Tex.	2
1914	Carruth, J. A.	Mississippi	Lake Charles, La.	4
1903	Elliott, C. L.	Ceylon	Alvin, Texas	1
1911	Ellis, R. R.		Elton, La.	1
1910	Ensign, F. Jr	Wisconsin	DeQuincy, La.	1
1910	Faulk, H. K.	Louisiana	Port Arthur, Tex.	4
1907	Germany, W. H.	Mississippi		2
1891	Gower, L. E.	Illinois	Lutcher, La.	2
1911	Harper, G. L.	Louisiana	Atlanta, Texas	1
1911	Hardin, E. N.	Kentucky	De Ridder, La.	2
1903	Hervey, J. W.	Texas	Hughes Sprg's, Tex.	6
1900	Hines, G. B.	Texas	Lake Charles, La.	3
1859	King, C. A.	Maine	Lake Charles, La.	Superan'ate
1898	Lively, J. W.	Arkansas	Marshall, Texas	Superan'ate
	Leonard, H. C.		San Antonio, Texas	1
1880	Loy, F. W.	Illinois	New Orleans, La.	1
1902	Mann, W. C.	Texas	Marshall, Texas	2
1911	Newton, W. R.	Illinois	Bayou Chene, La.	4
1891	Oliver, N. L.	Pennsylvn'a	Glennmore, La.	Supernum'y
	Parker, Peter		Jennings, La.	3
1912	Perkins, C. A.		Patroon, Texas	2
1911	Pointer, J. D.	Alabama	Inhambane, E. Afr.	3
1903	Price, A. J.	Michigan	Port Arthur, Tex.	2
1907	Pynes, R. T.	Alabama	Beckville, Texas	2
1898	Sayers, N. L.	Pennsylvn'a	Kinder, La.	Superan'ate
1892	Shrodes, T. J.	Indiana	Houston Texas, 1009 Harvard St.	1
1908	Simpson, F. M.	Mississippi	Iowa, La.	2
1908	Smith, R. R.	Texas	Woodville, Tex.	Supernum'y
	Streubing, C. C.	Missouri	Kinder, La.	1
1895	Smith, E. D.	Indiana	Port Arthur, Tex.	2
	Stokes, W. T.		Harleton, Tex.	1
1905	Swanson, T. F.	Texas	Summitt, Miss.	2
1911	Swanson, R. G.	Texas	Marthaville, La.	2
1900	Van Valkenburg, F. D.	New York	Beloxi, Miss,	Supernum'y
1904	Webb, T. E.	Tennessee	Welsh, La.	4
1905	Weldon, R. L.	Louisiana	Crowley, La.	2
	White, H. S.	Indiana	Houston Texas, 1145 Oxford St.	2
1898	Woodson, Julian	Tennessee	Marshall, Tex.	Supernum'y

PROBATIONERS

FOURTH YEAR

Year	Name	Nativity	Address	Year
1907	Cassells, D. H.	Mississippi	Gloster, Miss.	

SECOND YEAR

1910	Kenna, J. B.	Mississippi	Chattanooga, Tenn.	2
1913	Rockhold, G. W.		Dry Prong, La.	2
1912	Wynn, A. M.			

FIRST YEAR

1911	Beasley, C. C.	Mississippi	Basile, La.	2
1914	Franklin, W. S.		Ebenezer, La.	1
1912	Gates, W. I.		La Porte, Texas	1
1914	Holmes, G. W.	Pennslyn'a	Pearland, Texas	1
1914	Monroe, C. H.	India	Port Arthur, Texas	1
1914	Stasio, Enzo	Italy	New Orleans, La.	1

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GULF MISSION

Year.	Time.	PLACE	Bishop	Secretary.
1893.	Jan. 19.	Jennings, La.	E. C. Andrews.	C. K. Woodson.
1894.	Jan. 25.	Lake Charles, La.	J. M. Walden.	C. K. Woodson.
1895.	Jan. 24.	Crowley, La.	Thomas Bowman.	C. K. Woodson.
1896.	Jan. 23.	Jennings, La.	J. N. Fitzgeralds.	C. K. Woodson.

GULF MISSION CONFERENCE

1897.	Jan. 21.	Jennings, La.	J. M. Walden.	C. K. Woodson.
1898.	Feb. 3.	Crowley, La.	W. X. Ninde.	C. K. Woodson.
1899.	Feb. 2.	Lake Charles, La.	S. M. Merrifl.	C. K. Woodson.
1900.	Feb. 1.	Marshall, Texas.	I. W. Joice.	L. W. Elkins.
1901.	Jan. 17.	Jennings, La.	H. W. Warren.	C. W. Campbell.
1902.	Jan. 30.	Lake Charles, La.	C. D. Foss	C. W. Campbell.
1903.	Feb. 3.	Port Arthur, Texas.	W. F. Mallalieu.	C. C. Morris.

GULF ANNUAL CONFERENCE

1904.	Feb. 4.	Hughes Springs, Tex	W. F. Mallalieu.	John Paul.
1905.	Feb. 2.	Gloster, Miss.	H. Spellmeyer.	F. F. Fitch.
1905.	Dec. 1.	Welsh, La.	L. B. Wilson.	W. E. Harrison.
1906.	Nov. 15.	Marshall, Texas.	L. B. Wilson.	J. R. Basket.
1907.	Dec. 16.	Jennings, La.	William Burt.	J. R. Basket.
1908.	Dec. 17.	Lake Charles, La.	W. A. Quayle.	J. R. Basket.
1909.	Dec. 16.	Port Arthur, Texas.	T. B. Neely.	J. R. Basket.
1910.	Dec. 15.	Welsh, La.	T. B. Neely.	H. H. McCain.
1911.	Dec. 13.	Marshall, Texas.	T. B. Neely.	H. H. McCain.
1912.	Dec. 19.	Port Arthur, Texas.	W. P. Thirkield.	H. H. McCain.
1913.	Dec. 4.	Woodville, Texas.	W. P. Thirkield.	H. H. McCain.
1914.	Dec. 2.	Jennings, La.	W. P. Thirkield.	J. R. Basket.

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THE JOURNAL

FIRST DAY.

Jennings, Louisiana, December 2, 1914.

The Gulf Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church assembled for its Twelfth Annual Session, Wednesday, December 2, 1914, at 8:30 A. M. in the First Methodist Episcopal Church, Jennings, Louisiana, Bishop Wilbur P. Thirkield presiding. Hymn 560 was sung after which prayer was offered by the Bishop. The Bishop then delivered a most earnest and spiritual address which was followed by the Sacrament of the Lord Supper, administered by the Bishop and the District Superintendents.

Conference Called to Order.

The Bishop then called the Conference to order. In the absence of the Secretary and his assistants, on motion of J. A. Carruth, J. R. Basket was appointed to call the roll of the Conference. Twenty-five answered to the first roll call.

Organization.

G. B. Hines nominated J. R. Basket for Secretary and Peter Parker nominated L. E. Gower also. Brother Gower declined the nomination and J. R. Basket was elected unanimously, with the privilege of naming his assistants. He named Brother E. D. Smtih, as First Assistant and R. R. Ellis, as Second Assistant. L. E. Gower was elected Statistical Secretary with the privilege of naming his assistants. He named C. L. Elliot as First Assistant, F. M. Simpson as Second Assistant.

F. J. Ensign was elected Treasurer with privilege of naming his Assistants. He named W. C. Mann, First Assistant; J. H. Beedle as Second Assistant.

E. N. Hardin was elected Conference Post Master.

Introductions.

Mayor John Gamble was introduced and spoke briefly, welcoming the conference to their beautiful little city. By vote of the Conference the Bishop responded to the address of the Mayor.

George C. Streubing, from the Southern Illinois Conference, F. W. Loy, of the Southern Illinois Conference and Enzo Stasio, of New Orleans, our Italian work, were introduced.

Bar of Conference.

Bar of Conference was fixed to include the First Five front seats of the church.

Question Fourteen.. Was the character of each preacher ex-

amined.

Harry S. White, Dist. Supt. of the North Louisiana District was called, character passed, and he reported his District.

Motion. On motion by N. L. Sayers, pastors were allowed three minutes each in which to report their work.

Words from the Bishop.

The Bishop stated that he wanted each pastor to say whether he had a regular Church Record on his charge and whether each was careful to enrolled all Baptized children as probationers.

Question Fourteen Resumed.

The following Elders of the North Louisiana District were called, character passed, and they reported their work: T. F. Swanson, C. A. Perkins, (work reported by E. N. Hardin,) N. L. Sayers, R. G. Swanson, not being present but being represented by his District Superintendent, his character was passed.

J. A. Carruth, District Superintendent of Southern District, was called, character passed, and he reported his District. The following effective elders on the Southern District were called, character passed and they reported their work: W. R. Newton, R. L. Weldon. Brother Weldon not being present, it was stated this was due to the sickness of his wife.

Prayer.

We were called to prayer by the Bishop in behalf of Brother Weldon and his wife, and Brother and Sister G. B. Hines, because of the loss of their daughter Catherine. W. C. Mann led the prayer.

Announcements of Transfers. The Bishop announced the following transfers:

R. O. McClure, to the Ohio Conference. O. P. Wright, to the St. Louis Conference. F. W. Loy to the Southern Illinois, G. C. Streubing from the Southern Illinois Conference and H. C. Leonard from the St. Louis Conference.

Introductions.

The following were introduced: W. Lomax Childress, H. Carlyne, both of the U. B. Church. Dr. J. W. Hancher, Assistant General Secretary of the Board of Education. E. Omohundro, representing the Methodist-Advocate-Journal.

Motion.

On motion of A. J. Price the following Special Educational Committee was appointed and their report was made the order of the Day, Thursday 10:00 A. M. The Bishop and Cabinet, the Standing Committee of Education, and the Trustees of Port Arthur College who were present.

Motion.

By motion an Afternoon Session was ordered.
The hour was set 1:45 P. M.

Time Fixed.

The time of the Morning Session was fixed from 8:30 to 11:45 o'clock.

The Conference adjourned with the benediction by the Bishop.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Conference was called to order by the Bishop. "Come, Thou Almighty King" was sung. T. J. Shrode led in prayer. The Secretary called the Conference Roll by Districts and the written reports were handed to the Statistical Secretary and Treasurer.

Motion.

On motion by F. W. Loy, the case of H. H. McCain and B. T. Bell were referred to the Committee on Conference Relations.

Announcements.

The Secretary of the Cabinet announced the Standing Committees. See Standing Committees.

A. L. Harper was appointed to represent the Methodist Review. E. D. Smith was appointed representative of the general press.

On motion the Conference adjourned.

SECOND DAY.**Thursday Morning, December 3, 8.30 A. M.**

Conference met at the appointed time with Bishop Thirkield leading the devotional services. "Savior Thy Dying Love" was sung after which the Bishop led in prayer. The

theme of the Bishop's morning address was; "The Practice of the Presence of God."

Following the devotional services, Journal of the preceding day was read and approved.

Question Fourteen Continued.

J. W. Hervey, District Superintendent of Texas District, was called, character passed, and he read the report of his District.

The names of the following effective Elders were called, character passed and they gave a report of their work: T. J. Shrode, C. L. Elliot, W. C. Mann, R. T. Pynes, J. R. Basket.

Announcement.

The Bishop announced the following: A check of \$30.00 from the Chartered Fund, a check of \$679.00 from the Book Concern. By order of the Conference they were made payable to the Treasurer of the Board of Stewards.

Question Twenty-four.

The following retired ministers were called, characters passed and words of cheer were spoken or read from the brethren: C. A. King, J. W. Lively, F. D. Van Valkenburg, Julian Woodson.

Question One.

Under this question it was thought there was some question about the Conference's Incorporation. The matter was referred to the following committee: G. B. Hines, J. A. Carruth, J. R. Basket.

Question Two:—Who Have Been Received by Transfer and From What Conferences? F. W. Loy, G. C. Streubing, Southern Illinois. H. C. Leonard, St. Louis Conferences.

Question Fifteen:—Who Have Been Transferred and to What Conferences? R. O. McClure, Ohio; O. P. Wright, St. Louis Conferences.

Question Four:—Who Have Been Received and From What Church? None

Question Three:—Who Have Been Re-Admitted? None.

Question Sixteen:—Who Have Died? Thomas Wilson.

Introductions.—Dr. D. D. Martin, of Atlanta, representing the Board of Foreign Mission, and John A. Lewis, of the U. B. Church, were introduced.

Order of the Day.

The order of the day which was the Report of a Special

Committee on Education.

The following is the report of the Special Committee: Your Special Committee appointed to report upon the interests of Port Arthur College finds as follows:

The property of Port Arthur College is the gift of its founder, Mr. John W. Gates, and the city of Port Arthur. The campus contains roundly fourteen acres in the best residential section of the city of Port Arthur, on the intercostal canal.

On this there are three buildings. The first is a modern well-adapted college building, unusually well furnished and equipped, and having the capacity of more than 250 students. The second is a students' residence with present accommodations for eighty people. This building is thoroughly modern, well furnished and so constructed as to afford a common dining room and reception hall, while the accommodations for young women and young men are entirely separated and segregated. The third is the president's residence, a comfortable, commodious, attractive and a delightful home for the head of the institution.

A conservative estimate places the value of this entire property at \$200,000.00, while some business men of reliable judgement insist that it is worth a quarter-of-a-million.

All this has come to the Gulf Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church together with the good will of its founder and donors as a free and voluntary gift. In addition, the founder, Mr. John W. Gates, made conditional pledge before his death of \$50,000.00 to be paid within five years. The conditions were that the church should raise a like amount to be paid within the same period.

To assist the Gulf Conference to raise this sum, the Board of Education of the Methodist Episcopal Church, with headquarters at New York City, made (and still make) an offer to procure and pay dollar for dollar up to \$25,000.00, for every dollar raised in and through the Gulf Conference and the city of Port Arthur. That Board of Education has actually paid \$5,000. In addition, it has contributed annually fully \$2,500.00 for the past four years toward the operating expenses of Port Arthur College. This is in addition to the subscription of \$25,000.00. The executors of the estate of the late Mr. John W. Gates, have paid \$40,000.00 of the conditional \$50,000.00 and will pay the remaining \$10,000.00 during this present school year.

The gift to the Gulf Conference as detailed above will

total within the first five years, more than \$300,000.00. Besides Mrs. John W. Gates has made the generous interest of her husband her own, and Port Arthur College has a special and important place in her affections.

The time is fully come now when we must raise \$25,000.00 to keep faith and meet the conditions of Mr. and Mrs. Gates and the Board of Education. This \$25,000.00 must be subscribed at the earliest possible date. The necessity is upon us and the conditions are now opportune to go forward. The Gulf Conference must raise this money, and at once, to keep faith with its benefactors, and retain its right in this property. In addition to property rights the honor and integrity of this Conference is involved, and must be justified at any sacrifice.

We recommend that this be done, and that a Campaign Committee consisting of Bishop Thirkield, President Price, the District Superintendents, a pastor and a layman from each District and such representation from the Board of Trustees as that body may choose, be elected to have full control, supervision and responsibility for raising this amount on the terms and conditions that may seem to them wisest and best. This committee shall have authority to make such changes and additions in its personnel, from time to time, as may be necessary for the best interests of the campaign. After general discussion the report was unanimously adopted.

Motion.—On motion of G. B. Hines the Conference went into Executive Session.

Announcements.—List of those not having handed in their reports were read.

Introduction.—H. O. Chapman, representing the Book Concern, was introduced.

Motion.—On motion of H. S. White the names of N. L. Sayres N. H. Oliver, and W. T. Stokes were referred to the Committee on Conference Relation.

Adjournment.—The Conference adjourned by expiration of time. The Bishop pronounced the Benediction.

THIRD DAY.

Friday Morning, December 4, 8:30 a. m.

Devotional Hour.—The morning devotion was led by Brother

E. D. Smith, our pastor at Port Arthur.

Business Session.—Following the morning devotion, the Journal of the previous day was read and approved.

Report of Committee.—The Special Committee which was appointed to investigate whether the Conference was regularly incorporated, reported that the Conference is properly incorporated.

Motion.—On motion of J. R. Basket, the functions of the Conference Board of Stewards and that of the Directors of the Conference Incorporation were separated.

On motion of Peter Parker, the Cabinet was requested to nominate a Board of Conference Stewards as provided in the Discipline.

Question Fourteen Continued.—Roll of Special Appointees was called. A. J. Price was called, character passed and he reported the work of Port Arthur College.

Motion.—Moved by J. W. Hervey, that the three districts hold a Joint District Conference at Port Arthur and that a programme be in the nature of a Ministerial Institute. Motion carried.

Introductions.—Prof. C. H. Monroe, of Port Arthur College, Rev. E. B. Cole, of Oklahoma Conference, Dr. Julius Mulfinger, Board of Conference Claimants, Rev. O. P. Harmish of United Brethren Church, Erwin Omohundro, Assistant Editor and Business Manager of Advocate Journal, were introduced.

Question Six:—Who have been continued on Trial?

(a) In Studies of the First year: W. I. Gates, C. C. Beasley:

(b) In Studies of Second year. On Motion of J. A. Caruth, A. L. Harper was passed in the Studies of the Second year, character passed, and discontinued at his own request.

On Motion of H. S. White, A. M. Wynn and G. W. Rockhold's character were passed and they were continued in the Studies of the Second Year.

On Motion of H. S. White, J. B. Kenna's character was passed and continued in the studies of the second year, and also that he be left without an appointment to attend one of our schools.

Question Eighth: Who have been admitted into full membership? Answer: None.

Question Nine: Who are in the Studies of the Third Year?

R. R. Ellis, E. N. Hardin were passed in the studies of the Third year and advanced into the Studies of the Fourth year, on motion of their District Superintendents.

Motion.—On motion of J. W. Hervey, the following were called, character passed, reported their work, passed in the studies of the Fourth year and elected to Elder's Orders: J. H. Beedle, G. L. Harper, F. J. Ensign, H. K. Faulk. On motion, J. D. Pointer's character was passed and recommended that he be re-appointed to the Missionary work in Africa.

Introduction.—Dr. Matthew J. Trenary of the Sunday School Board, was introduced and he made a brief representation of the Board.

Motion.—The following motion was introduced by J. A. Caruth: That we launch under the direction of the Sunday School Board, a campaign for an increased and an enlarged attendance of Sunday Schools of the Gulf Conference and that the standard of increase be placed at three thousand new scholars. Motion carried.

Address.—H. C. Chapman of the Book Concern addressed the Conference in the interest of the Book Concern, and the sale of books. Dr. Julius Mulfinger addressed the Conference in the interest of the Board of Conference claimants and concerning the movement to increase the Permanent Fund of the Conference. He also presented the Conference a Draft for \$300 from the Board of Conference Claimants. This was ordered to be turned over to the Conference Stewards.

Motion.—On motion of L. E. Gower, the plan of last year for raising the fund for publishing the Journal was adopted as the plan for this year.

Adjournment.—The Conference adjourned, by singing the Doxology and Benediction by Dr. J. W. Lively.

FOURTH DAY

Saturday Morning, Dec. 5, 8:30

The Conference met with a half hour devotional services led by the Bishop. He spoke on the theme: "The Practice of the Presence of God."

Reading the Journal.—Following the morning devotion,

the Journal of Friday's Session was read and approved.

Question Five:—Who Have Been Received On Trial?
 Answered, Guy W. Holmes, W. S. Franklin, C. H. Monroe, Enzo Stasio were introduced as candidates for admission on Trial. They were recommended by the Committee on General Qualification and duly passed by the Board of Examiners.

On representation and motion by their District Superintendents they were admitted on Trial and advanced to the Studies of the First year.

Question Fourteen Continued.—Under special appointment, D. H. Cassels was called, character passed, continued in Studies of Fourth year and on motion of H. S. White, was recommended for appointment as Conference evangelist. W. H. Germany was called, character passed, and was recommended to be left without appointment to attend one of our schools.

On Motion of H. S. White, A. M. Wynn was left without appointment to attend school.

Report.—The Committee on Conference Relation recommended the following:

N. L. Sayers be placed on the Retired List, N. H. Oliver be continued in the Supernumerary Relation. The Report was adopted. This is the second year of his Supernumerary Relation.

Question Twenty-three:—Who Are The Supernumerary Preachers? On motion of J. W. Hervey, R. R. Smith was continued in this relation. This is his second year.

Motions. On motion of J. W. Hervey, W. T. Stokes, who was a Supernumerary was made effective.

On motion of J. R. Basket, the apportionment of the Episcopal Fund was adopted as being \$417. It was referred to the Cabinet for apportionment among the Districts.

On motion of G. B. Hines, a letter of greeting and good cheer was ordered sent to Brother F. D. Van Valkenburg, by the Secretary.

Question Twelve:—What Others Have Been Elected And Ordained Deacons? Answer: Enzo Stasio.

Question Thirteen:—What Others Have Been Elected And Ordained Elders? None.

Question Seventeen:—Who Have Been Located at Their Own Request? None.

Question Eighteen:—Who Have Been Located? None.

Question Nineteen:—Who Have Withdrawn? Francisco Zito.

Question Twenty-one:—Who Have Been Expelled? None.

Question Twenty-five:—Who Are the Triers of Appeals? T. E. Webb, R. G. Swanson, F. W. Loy, R. L. Weldon, L. E. Gower.

Question Thirty-six:—Where Shall the Next Conference Be Held? Alvin was nominated by T. J. Shrodes; Port Arthur, was nominated and represented by E. D. Smith; Lake Charles was nominated and represented by G. B. Hines; Jennings was nominated and represented by Peter Parker. The vote was as follows: Alvin 6, Port Arthur 14; Lake Charles 7; Jennings 1. T. J. Shrodes made the motion that Port Arthur be unanimously chosen for the next Conference. Motion prevailed.

Address.—Dr. J. A. Mulfinger addressed the Conference in the interest of the Conference Claimants.

Resolution.—A Resolution was introduced by J. R. Basket in the interest of the Conference Claimants. The Resolution was adopted. See Resolutions.

Report.—The Report of the Conference Board of Stewards was read by the Secretary and was approved by the Conference.

In Trust.—The sum of money reported last year in the hands of J. R. Basket as coming from the sale of a small parsonage at Evangeline, was reported as not being disposed of. On Motion of J. R. Basket it was ordered to be paid to the Permanent Fund of the Conference Claimants.

Motion.—On motion of H. S. White, N. L. Sayers was recommended to have his share of the Conference Claimant Fund for this year.

Nominations.—J. W. Hervey, nominated the Different Boards for the Conference. The Conference confirmed the nominations.

G. B. Hines, nominated the following as the Board of Directors of the Conference: C. A. King, President and Treasurer, Lake Charles, La.; J. A. Carruth, G. B. Hines, Secre-

tary, Lake Charles, La. J. W. Watson, H. E. Buck, O. C. Stanton.

Address.—Dr. Melvynn, of New Orleans, was introduced and addressed the Conference in the interest of the Freedman's Aid. The Bishop spoke briefly on the same subject.

Report.—N. L. Sayers, read the report of the Committee on Freedman Aid. It was adopted.

J. W. Hervey, Secretary of the Cabinet, read a report of the Cabinet coming from the sale of some property at Lottie, La., with recommendations how this money should be appropriated. The report was adopted. See Report.

Motion.—It was moved by G. B. Hines, that an afternoon session be held beginning at two o'clock. Motion prevailed.

On Motion of J. A. Carruth, Enzo Stasio was recommended for Deacon's Orders under the Missionary Rule.

On Motion by J. R. Basket, the edited and printed Journal of the proceedings of the Conference be made the official organ of the Conference.

Introduction.—Rev. Alonzo A. Easley of the local Congregational Church was introduced

Adjournment.—The Conference adjourned by expiration of time with benediction by the Bishop.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Conference was called to order by the Bishop and was led in prayer by J. R. Basket. The Journal of the morning session was read and adopted.

Question Twenty:—Who Have Withdrawn? Francisco Zito, H. H. McCain, B. T. Bell.

Question Twenty-Eight:—What is the Statistical Report? Report was read by L. E. Gower. See Report.

Appointment.—The Bishop announced the appointment of E. D. Smith on the Board of Examiners.

Question Twenty-Nine:—What is the Report of the Conference Treasurer? F. J. Ensign read the Report. See Report.

Question Thirty:—What is the Aggregate of the Benevolent Collections Ordered By the General Conference, As Re-

Arcadia and Liverpool	Nye Litherland
Austin, "Hyde Park"	To Be Supplied.
Atlanta and Vivian	G. L. Harper.
Deadwood and Bethel	R. T. Pynes.
Houston, "Houston Heights"	T. J. Shrodes.
Houston, "College Heights"	To Be Supplied.
Hughes Springs and Jefferson	J. H. Beedle.
La Porte	W. I. Gates.
Lufkin Ct.	H. L. Ellington.
Luyford	E. L. Jones.
Marshall	W. C. Mann.
Overton, Noonday and Harleton	W. T. Stokes
Ore City Ct.	J. Woodson.
Pearland	G. W. Holmes.
Rosedale and Kirbyville	T. J. Jacks.
Rockhill and Beckville	R. T. Pynes.
San Antonio, Trinity	H. C. Leonard.
Williams Chapel	To Be Supplied.
Shelbyville and Center	To Be Supplied by J. B. Kenny.
South Houston and Aldine	To Be Supplied.
Texas City	J. R. Basket.
Winsboro Ct.	W. T. Stokes.
Woodville Ct.	To Be Supplied by K. C. Minter.

SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS.

- Arthur J. Price, President of Port Arthur College, Member of Port Arthur Quarterly Conference.
- H. K. Faulk, Professor of Port Arthur College, Member of Port Arthur Quarterly Conference.
- C. H. Monroe, Professor in Port Arthur College, Member of Port Arthur Quarterly Conference.
- D. H. Cassels, Conference Evangelists, Member of Gloster Quarterly Conference.
- J. D. Pointer, Missionary to Inhambane East Africa.
- J. B. Kenna, left without appointment to attend one of our schools.
- W. H. Germany, left without appointment to attend one of our schools.
- A. M. Wynn, left without appointment to attend school.
- H. S. White, Sunday School Missionary.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

Question One.—Is this Annual Conference Incorporated According to the Requirements of the Discipline? Answer Yes.

Question Two.—Who Have Been Received by Transfer, And From What Conferences? Answer—F. W. Loy; George C. Streubing, from Southern Illinois, H. C. Leonard, St. Louis Conferences.

Question Three.—Who Have Been Re-Admitted? Answer—None.

Question Four.—Who Have Been Received on Credentials And From What Church? Answer—None.

Question Five.—Who Have Been Received on Trial? Answer William S. Franklin, Guy W. Holmes, Charles H. Monroe, Enzo Stasio.

Question Six.—Who Have Been Continued on Trial?

(a)—In Studies of the First Year? W. I. Gates, C. C. Beasley.

(b)—In Studies of the Second Year? A. M. Wynn, J. B. Kenna and G. W. Rockhold.

(c)—In Studies of the Fourth Year? Delos H. Cassels.

Question Seven.—Who has been discontinued? Answer A. L. Harper.

Question Eight.—Who have been admitted into full Membership? Answer None.

Question Nine.—What members are in Studies of the Third year. Answer None.

Question Ten.—What members are in Studies of the Fourth Year? Answer Raymond R. Ellis, Edwin N. Hardin.

Question Eleven.—What Members have completed the Conference Course of Study?

(a) Elected and Ordained Elders H. K. Faulk, F. J. Ensign, J. H. Beedle.

(b) Elected and Ordained previously G. L. Harper.

Question Twelve.—What others have been elected and ordained Deacons?

(b) Under Missionary Rule. Enzo Stasio.

Question Thirteen.—What others have been elected and ordained Elders. Answer None.

Question Fourteen.—Was the Character of each preacher

examined? Answer. This was strictly done in open Conference as the name of each was called.

Question Fifteen.—Who have been Transferred and to what Conference?

R. O. McClure Ohio Conference. O. P. Wright, St. Louis Conference.

Question Sixteen.—Who have died? Answer. Thomas Wilson.

Question Seventeen.—Who have been located at their own Request. Answer. None.

Question Eighteen.—Who have been located? Answer None.

Question Nineteen.—Who have withdrawn? Francisco Zito, H. H. McCain, B. T. Bell.

Question Twenty. Who have been permitted to withdraw under complaints? Answer. None.

Question Twenty-One. Who have been expelled? None.

Question Twenty-Two.—What other personal notation should be made? W. T. Stokes, Supernumerary was restored to effective relation.

Question Twenty-Three.—Who are the Supernumerary Ministers, and for what number of years consecutively has each held this relation? R. R. Smith, two years. N. H. Oliver, 2 years.

Question Twenty-Four.—Who are the retired ministers? C. A. King, F. D. VanValkenburg, Julian Woodson, J. W. Lively, N. L. Sayers.

Question Twenty-Five.—Who are the Triers of Appeals? T. E. Webb, R. G. Swanson, F. W. Loy, R. L. Weldon, L. E. Gower.

Question Twenty-Six.—What is the annual report of the Conference Board of Mission and Church session? Answer \$973.

Question Twenty-Seven.—What is the Annual Report of the Conference of Board of Foreign Missions? Answer \$1037.

Question Twenty-Eight.—What is the Statistical Report. Answer, See Reports in back of Journal.

Question Twenty-Nine.—What is the Conference Treasurer's Report? See Report printed in back of Journal.

Question Thirty.—What is the aggregate of the Benevol-

ent Collections ordered by the General Conference as reported by the Conference? Answer \$3678.

Question Thirty-One.—What are the Claims on the Conference Fund? Answer \$1286.

Question Thirty-Two.—What has been received on these claims and how has it been applied? Answer \$1393. See Report of Conference Stewards.

Question Thirty-Three.—What is five per cent of the amount raised for the support of the Conference Claimants and paid by the Conference Treasurer to the Board of Conference Claimants for the Connectional Fund? Answer \$18.

Question Thirty-Four.—What amount has been apportioned to the pastoral charges within the Conference to be raised for the Support of the Conference Claimants. Answer \$600.

Question Thirty-Five.—Where are the preachers stationed? Answer, See Appointments.

Question Thirty-Six.—Where shall the next Conference be held? Answer, Port Arthur, Texas.



ORDINATION CERTIFICATE

THIS IS TO CERTIFY, That on Sunday, December 6th, I ordained these persons Elders in the Methodist Episcopal Church:

Julius Beedle, Franklin J. Ensign, Haughton K. Faulk; and at the same time and place as Deacon, Enzo Stasio. Done in Jennings, La., December 6, 1914.

(Signed)

W. P. THIRKIELD,
Bishop, Presiding.

OFFICIAL CERTIFICATION

THIS CERTIFIES, That the Journal proceedings, the Reports, and Resolutions printed herein were made the Official Record of the Twelfth Annual Session of the Gulf Annual Conference, held at Jennings, La., December 2,-6, 1914.

(Signed)

JAMES R. BASKET,
Conference Secretary.

LOCAL PREACHERS

TEXAS DISTRICT

Names.	Addresses.
Allen, B. B.	Alvin, Texas.
Black, J. M.	Hallville, Texas.
Campbell, J. T.	Choice, Texas.
Dennings, J. F.	Troupe, Texas.
Ellington, H. L.	Lufkin, Texas.
Edge, P. W.	Overton, Texas.
Hill, Z. M.	Lufkin, Texas.
Jone, E. I.	Lyford, Texas.
Jone, H. E.	Harleton, Texas.
Kenna, J. M.	Shelbyville, Texas.
LaGrone, C. H.	Deadwood, Texas.
Matthews, S. H.	Newmill City, Texas.
Lawhorn, A. L.	Daingerfield, Texas.
McCulley, S. E.	Arcadia, Texas.
Petty, S. F.	Harleton, Texas.
Ritchie, E. T.	Como, Texas.
Woodall, W. B.	Longview, Texas.
Minter, K. C.	Woodville, Texas.
Jacks, J. T.	Kirbyville, Texas.
Fletcher, Thomas	Carthage, Texas.

NORTH LOUISIANA DISTRICT

Names.	Address.
Bemont, William (L. D.)	Kinder, La.
Bennett, Q. L.	Hico, La.
Boggs, J. E.	Goldonna, La.
Bolton, G. W. (L. D.)	Provincial, La.
Bruce, G. W. (L. D.)	Provincial, La.
Carruth, S. E.	Auburn, Miss.
Farr, M. A. (L. D.)	Flora, La.
Foster, A. S.	Greeneburg, La.
Germany, C. B.	Brookhaven, Miss.
Golden, William	Greeneburg, La.
McGee, Flowers,	Smithdale, Miss.
Malone, N.	De Ridder, La.
Matirne, J. A.	Rosdale, La.
Nelson, S. B.	Shamrock, La.
Parsons, J. T.	Flora, La.

Pointer, J. W.	Quitman, La.
Richardson, W. B.	Colfax, La.
Roberts, Williams.	Summit, Miss.
Stevens, J. O.	Natchitoches, La.
Williams, W. P.	Elton, La.
Williams, Robert.	Summit, Miss.
Wood, H. A.	Auburn, Miss.

SOUTHERN DISTRICT

Cutlip, J. C.	Hammond, La.
DeLord, Oscar.	Bayou Chene, La.
Dona, A.	New Orleans, La.
Herbert, W. B. (L. C.)	Sweet Lake, La.
Hoag, M. A. (L. C.)	Jennings, La.
Faulk, Earl.	Crowley, La.
Miceli A.	New Orleans, La.
Orcut, J. C. (L. C.)	New Orleans, La.
Picana, L.	New Orleans, La.
Savoie, E. L.	Crowley, La.
Weisz, Peter.	New Orleans, La.
Sarver, Ezra.	Crowley, La.

SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPPERINTENDENTS

TEXAS DISTRICT

Ackerman, Mr.	Alvin, Texas.
Abercrombie, J. T.	Leggett, Texas.
Archer, E. W.	Lyford, Texas.
Barnes, W. J.	Colmesneil, Texas.
Burnham, W. T.	Lufkin, Texas.
Caldwell, Dr. J. R.	Shelbyville, Texas.
Carrington, H. X.	Deadwood, Texas.
Crump, W. S.	Daingerfield, Texas.
Deaton, A. E.	Beaumont, Texas.
Dickard, F. E.	Hallville, Texas.
Ellington, W. D.	Center, Texas.
Ford, J. D.	Lufkin, Texas.
Goodson, Walter.	Shelbyville, Texas.
Greathouse, L. W.	1620 Courtland St. Houston, Texas.
Hall, M. M.	Hughes Springs, Texas.

Hooton, J. D.	Hughes Springs, Texas.
Hovey, L. G.	La Porte, Texas.
Hudspeth, B. A.	Ore City, Texas.
Hughes, A. B.	Center, Texas.
Jones, H. H.	South Houston, Texas.
Longshore, W. T.	Beckville, Texas.
Mann, Mrs. Alice	Colmesneil, Texas.
McCready, Wm.	Woodville, Texas.
Morris, Mrs. Emma	Winnsboro, Texas.
Marsh, F. E.	Marshall, Texas.
Oney, W. T.	Harleton, Texas.
Paxton, Mr.	Texas City, Texas.
Prewitt, Bassie	Daingerfield, Texas.
Racey, C. S.	136 E. Cincinnati Ave., San Antonio, Tex.
Shanner, John	Arcadia, Texas.
Still, R. G.	Overton, Texas.
Taylor, J. W.	Atlanta, Texas.
Tyler, J. F.	Joaquin, Texas.
Williams, W. T.	Jefferson, Texas.

NORTH LOUISIANA DISTRICT

Names.	Address.
Boggs, J. E.	Goldonna, La.
Carruth, J. P. Jr.	Summit, Miss.
Clark, John	Goldonna, La.
J. F. Casels	Gloster, Miss.
Crum, H. I.	Gloster, Miss.
Erwin, J. N.	Oakdale, La.
Foster, E. O.	Hico, La.
Furlow, E. E.	Summit Miss.
Gerald, E. W.	Smithdale, Miss.
Green, Dr. F. J.	Yelgar, La.
Hondett, W. B.	Colfax, La.
Jacobs, G. W.	Oberlin, La.
Long, B. L. J.	La Blanch, La.
King, G. M.	Kinder, La.
Holt, Mrs. Nannie	Shamrock, La.
Hardin, Rev. E. N.	De Ridder, La.
McLain, F. M.	Basile, La.
Parsons, J. T.	Flora, La.
Pierce, G. R.	Marthaville, La.
Shoemaker, J. C.	Natchitoches, La.
Smith, J. W.	DeQuincy, La.

Thomas, H. D. Quitman, La.
 Velt, Mrs. J. H. Randolph, La.
 Waters, F. D. Neame, La.
 Calvert, Mrs. George De Ridder, La.
 Williams, W. P. Elton, La.
 Monger, Reeder Elton, La.

SOUTHERN DISTRICT

Brousard, D. A. Sweet Lake, La.
 Buck, H. E. Lake Charles, La.
 Bowman, S. J. Lutchter, La.
 Each, W. E. Iowa, La.
 Fuller, R. T. 1556 Canal St. New Orleans, La.
 Hacket, A. L. Bell City, La.
 Little, G. F. Crowley, La. R. F. D.
 Marshall, H. C. Jennings, La.
 McDanials, Jno. Gueydan, La.
 Graham, A. A. Hammond, La.
 Miller, J. J. Welsh, La.
 Nuttal, Mrs. Crescent, La.
 Palmer, C. V. Port Arthur, Texas.
 Pecona, L. New Orleans, La.
 Savoie, E. L. Crowley, La.
 Theriot, Mrs. Sara Bayou Chane, La.



OUR DEAD

"These all died in the Faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off, and were persuaded of them, and embraced them and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on Earth."

WALTER ZIMMERMAN

IRA N. PARDEE

P. C. CHANEY

WILLIAM F. BOLTON

JOHN T. JAMES

H. G. BREED

EDGAR A. FERGUSON

THOMAS WILSON

PLAN OF EXAMINATION

EXAMINER.	ADMISSION.	1st YEAR	2ND YEAR	3RD YEAR	4TH YEAR
<i>Har.</i> Basket.	Sermon.	Phelps.	Dewey.	Patten.	Eiselen.
<i>Leon</i> Gower.	Wheeler.	Broadus.	Essay.	Fisher.	Earp.
Hines.	Winchester.	Deny.	Meyer.	Sheldon, P. 322.	Sheldon, p 322-635.
<i>Shad</i> Mann.	Eiselen and Barclay.	Eaton.	Mott.	Jackson.	Essay.
Smith.	Discipline.	Merrill and Downey.	Terry.	Fisher.	Smythe.
Webb.		James and Sanford.	Dods.	Sermon.	Bowne.
Weldon.	Hurlbut.	Sermon.	Speer.	Sheldon. Sacer-ism	Winchester.
Alternative.	Leete.	Rushnell.	Orr.	Brown.	Grist.

RULES OF EXAMINATION

1. List of question shall be prepared by appointed Examiner, endorsed with the title of the text book, name and address of Examiner and sent to Chairman for filing. See Discipline, Paragraph 569, section 3, page 523. Dis. 1912.
2. Each Examiner shall retain one copy of each set of his own questions.
2. Each Examiner shall send all grades promptly to Register for recording.
4. If Student wants grade, he shall enclose with his paper a self-addressed stamped envelope.
5. Each Student is required to give to Register written statement that he has read all books required in the course of study.
6. All essays and sermons shall be in the hands of Examiners thirty days before Conference.
7. There will be only mid-year examination, which shall be held at the seat and time of the District Conference for each District.
8. Each Examiner shall prepare typewritten questions, in good form on books appointed him.

9. Students must observe neatness and care in their work.
10. No member of the Board of Examiners shall be permitted to prepare questions on any book assigned to another member of the Board, unless other said member renders satisfactory reasons for preparing them.
11. The District Superintendents are relieved from preparing questions, but remain as members of the Board to assist in the work of examinations and the general work of the Board.

R. L. WELDON,
Chairman.
T. E. WEBB,
Registrar.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE BOARD OF STEWARDS

RECEIPTS FOR ANNUITY FUND

Book Concern Dividend	\$679.
Chartered Fund	30.
Part of Support of Conference Claimants Determined by Conference	36.
Income from Annual Conference Annuity Investment..	38.
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Total Amount for Distribution as Annuities	\$783.
Annual Conference Necessitous Distribution Based on Need—Receipts.	
Connectional Relief Dividend of the Board of Conference Claimants	\$300.
Part of Support of Conference Claimants Amount De- termined by Conference	308.
Gift or Bequest for Immediate Necessitous Distribu- tion	20.
Left from last year	27.
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Total Amount Available for Necessitous Distribution..	\$655.
Total Amount Available for Annuity Distribution....	\$783.
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Grand Total Available for Distribution.....	\$1438.

DISCIPLINARY BASIS OF DISTRIBUTION

Number of Effective preachers	38.
Average Salary Received by them	\$700.
Legal Rate for each effective year service	\$10.
Rate paid	\$6.
Number of years. of retired ministers, widows and orphans	126.
Amount necessary to meet claim in full	\$1260.
Apportionment for Conference Claimants next year...	\$600.

DISBURSEMENTS

NAMES	YEARS EFFECTIVE	ANNUITY CLAIM	ANNUITY PAID	ALL'D FR SP. FD	TOTAL PAID.
King, C. A.	47.	\$470.	\$282.		\$282.
Lively, J. W.	15.	\$150.	\$90.	\$105.	\$195
VanValkenburg, F. D.	12.	\$120.	\$72.	\$100.	\$172.
Woodson, Julian	11.	\$110.	\$66.	\$175.	\$241.
Sayers, N. L.	17.	\$170.	\$102.	\$74.	\$176.

WIDOWS AND CHILDREN

Chaney, Mrs. P. C.	11.	\$110.	\$66.		\$66.
Ferguson, Mrs. E. A.	2.	\$20.	\$12.	\$68.	\$80.
James, Mrs. J. T.	10.	\$100.	\$60.	\$100.	\$160.
Ferguson, A. E.				\$100.	
Children (4)	4.	\$20.	\$20.		\$20.
Bolton, W. F.					
Children (3).	4.	\$20.	\$13.	\$33.	\$46.
Total		\$1290.	\$783.	\$655.	\$143.



REPORT OF TREASURER OF CONFERENCE DIRECTORS.

Amount of Permanent Fund\$470.16.
 Received from Conference Treasurer\$18.00
 Received from Mrs. J. T. James\$5.00

Total Permanent Fund\$493.16.

Interest on Permanent Fund for one year at 8 per
 cent\$39.00.

By action of the Conference this amount, \$39.00 was turned over to the Committee on Conference Claimants, for distribution.

C. A. KING,
 President and Treasurer of Board of Directors of Conference.

REPORT FROM THE CABINET

Upon a thorough investigation, the Cabinet recommends that the sum of money acquired from the sale of our property at Lottie, be applied on the debts of our church property at Vivain, and DeRidder, La.

J. W. HERVEY, Secy. of Cabinet.



DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENTS

REPORT OF NORTH LOUISIANA DISTRICT

Harry S White District Superintendent.

Dear Bishop and Brethren:

In the interest of brevity I have omitted from this report many matters well deserving of mention and have confined myself to the fewest statements which would give any adequate view of our progress and situation.

Auburn, Smithdale, and Johnson's Chapel form one of our well organized Circuits. The latter of these points has a large constituency, with a host of children. A gracious revival spirit prevails. The other points have been handicapped by a limited field owing to economic conditions, but in spirit and loyalty Methodism has no better members. One of our younger members at Smithdale was asked in a not very kindly tone if our work there was "pretty strong." She replied: "What few there are of us are pretty strong."

Basile has paid its pastor monthly in full thru the bank, has furnished its splendid new church, painted it, and on the 27th day of last month rejoiced in the presence of our beloved Bishop in the beautiful service of dedication. A new baby girl has come to bless the pastors home.

De Ridder has had a variety of experience, not all of it good. Early in the year Brother Perkins, who had been made responsible for both this charge and the Sabine Circuit, was relieved at De Ridder and went rejoicing to the other field. For a time the pastorate of De Ridder was filled by B. F. Peck, a local preacher who came to us from the work in New Mexico. Later Brother E. N. Hardin was put in charge of the work in connection with that he was already doing as pastor of Orange Circuit. De Ridder has been handicapped by the presence of some members whose first loyalty has not been to our church. The community has suffered much from over sensational revival efforts which have given emphasis to the so called "Tongues Movement," yet with a Sunday School of more than 100, with a steadfast few in this growing community of more than four thousand people, there is large place for our work.

De Quincey has built and paid for a new parsonage, which has been sacredly dedicated by the advent of a baby girl.

The work of the year came to a fitting climax with the dedication of the church, which with new interior decorations, is a very attractive place of worship. Bishop Thirkield conducted this service on Nov. 30th.

Dry Prong has had gracious revivals at each point, a substantial increase in membership, church indebtedness decreased, and closes the year with good prospect of a parsonage. Five acres of ground in a desirable location is given for this purpose, and though actual money is almost a curiosity with them, the leaders of our work are planning to secure lumber and build. A new baby has come to the pastors home.

Elton and Raymond began the year with Brother Sayers than whom no pastor has given more faithful service. Early in the year he was called to the bed side of his daughter, Mrs. Case, and for two months was compelled to be away from his work. It seemed best to secure an assistant and in May, Rev. Guy W. Holmes took up the work, devoting himself to Elton and China, while Brother Sayers cared for Raymond, an arrangement which continued the remainder of the year. Raymond has rejoiced in its temporary experience as a station and the other points have been given new impetus. The church at Elton was dedicated on Sunday morning, November 29th, by Bishop Thirkield, whose presence and service made the day one long to be remembered.

Gloster is another of the substantial charges. Our field is limited, but the fidelity and fervor of our membership are unsurpassed. The parsonage has been completed and very tastefully painted, and is a preachers home to compare with the very best.

Kinder has had perhaps the most striking experience of the year. It has been a "laymans movement" in truth; a new church has been erected, painted, decorated and furnished, the latter item including a splendid new organ. This building representing a cost of some \$2,000.00 was planned around the Sunday School idea and has beside the auditorium, three class rooms each large enough for subdivision. At the dedication on Sunday evening the 29th of November, Bishop Thirkield was again at his best.

The new pastor at Kinder is the Rev. Geo. C. Struebing who comes to us from the Southern Illinois Conference. While he was not in at the beginning of the new church enterprise he has had much to do with its completion, and has had the very great pleasure of seeing the newly organized

Sunday School, grow to nearly 100 in membership, and the church membership materially strengthened.

Livonia is one of the older charges of the Conference. For a period of 17 years its fortunes have risen and fallen. Situated as it is in the Mississippi River bottoms, its people have again and again been scattered by the floods and their fortunes dissipated. We have suffered too, in each of the six or eight different places in which we have tried to work from unfortunate denominational rivalry. While we have been innocent of any aggression in this matter, it has been a very sad thing to see waste of this kind in religious effort. At his earnest solicitation the pastor Rev. A. M. Wynne was relieved from service with the close of the first quarter. The place has not since been supplied.

Marthaville is a small district in itself, with four regular preaching places and as many more auxiliary ones cared for by Local Preachers. Some splendid revivals have been held and at Oakgrove a new church has been erected which represents as large a cost in personal sacrifice and devotion as any cathedral in the land. Here again the pastors home has rejoiced in the advent of a baby girl.

Two efforts have been made to supply the Oakdale and Oberlin charge, much self sacrifice has been given, particularly on the part of Rev. J. R. Higby, who took the work early in the year. With almost no financial support he struggled on for weeks with but little encouragement. Two small rooms were made to serve as a home and here the first born, a beautiful girl, made her advent. That no real advance has been made was in no way due to lack of zealous effort.

Orange Circuit was strengthened at the beginning of the year by an arrangement for service at Pinewood which has afforded material financial aid, though no organization was attempted. Plans are on foot to secure a parsonage property at Florien where we already have a good church building. This would furnish a very much needed strengthening of this charge.

Quitman, Hico and Randolph have had a good year. The membership at Hico has been greatly strengthened and at Dubach, where the pastor held a tent meeting, we are being importuned to organize and build. We could begin there with 25 substantial members a lot and funds with which to erect a building, but have refused to do so as the place already has an organization, church, and parsonage of the

Methodist Episcopal Church South.

Sabine Circuit:—As already noted, arrangements were made early in the year for Brother Perkins to devote the whole of his time to this field. Some preparatory work had been done last year and a foundation laid. About the middle of May the pastor and his family began their work in truly heroic pioneer fashion. They spent the entire summer in tents, moving from place to place as they held one after another eight series of revival services. They have received very little money, but their people have been generous with what they had and good things to eat have never been lacking. We now have four organized Classes with an aggregate membership of, four Sunday Schools with a membership of 200, one church building in process of erection and a parsonage.

Vivian was supplied at Conference by Alexander McDow. With the close of the first Quarter he desired to be relieved. Later the place was filled by Rev. H. M. Hughes of the New York Conference who had hardly more than begun his work when his health failed, necessitating his absence during the entire summer. The years has brought no material change to this charge.

The District has to its credit for the year three new churches, and the completion and dedication of three others, two parsonages, seven new preaching places, and the organization of Sabine Circuit as already reported.

The Superintendent has participated in more than 300 services in which there have been more than 100 responses to the call of God. Not all of these have been clear conversions but a goodly number have found their way into the Kingdom. The District as at present arranged, touches four states and has required travel exceeding ten thousand miles.

My work as Sunday School Missionary, outside the North Louisiana District has been limited because of the heavy duties laid upon me there. This was foreseen. I have however found time for special campaigns at Houston, in our College Heights Church, at Timberton on the Litcher Circuit, at Aldine, and at Oak Grove in north east Louisiana. Addresses have been made at each of the District Conferences, before the Sunday School workers of Port Arthur, and before the State Sunday School Convention of Louisiana.

REPORT OF TEXAS DISTRICT

James W. Hervey, District Superintendent.

Bishop Thirkield and Brethren of the Gulf Annual Conference:

We are thankful, Bishop, that you are again our leader. May God bless you in your ministry among us. I come from a far flung battle line. There are sixteen Congressional Districts in the State of Texas and the Texas District includes or touches eleven of them. The distance between the two extreme corners of my District is 750 miles. When I am at the farthest off places I feel like a Foreign Missionary. It is frontier work, and knew nothing of the conflict between the States. It was neither North nor South along the Rio Grande River in those days.

It is with profound thanksgiving to God that I am able to you with this my fifth annual report. First, for the fact that "we are yet alive and see each others faces, and secondly, because God hath dealt with us as He has not dealt with any Nation. We are at peace. This has been a good year despite the fact that the war cloud has hung so heavily about us—in Mexico—door neighbor to Texas District and in Europe. The war, though in Europe, has paralyzed trade and clenched commerce. Prices on Cotton and other American products have been reduced below actual cost of production, so that we have had a hard year financially. Our Pastors, most of them, have not been paid in full and the Benevolences asked for will show a deficit, yet in it all our people, in the main, have been loyal and self-sacrificing and "the poor have had the Gospel preached unto them."

Our Pastors are not greedy for gold. They have coveted no man's silver. But ever in the face of glaring need they have gone forth with the blessed Gospel message. Bishop if ever the people needed the Gospel of Good Cheer and Salvation, they need it now when earthly hopes and human endeavor fail. It is a good time to have revivals on my District, for the people have come to the end of their strength, and they will hear the preacher. This has been a great year for revivals all over our field. In spite of the terrible cotton streingency, finances are improving in not a few places Material results are being attained. If our great church will

help us get a few centers, and she is doing it, all the field will feel the result. We have done as best we could the duty which seemed imminent. Our work down here and in the whole South is just as important as it ever was, and it has far greater opportunities of success. If against the experiences of the past half century, we have secured 400,000 Southern white members, what might be the growth in the next half century of greater intelligence and prosperity? Entrance into new fields has not always been commended, but many such openings await us if we are to do our duty by this part of the country. Building up work already existing has been the strict council, yet this most cautious plan meets with an attack. The real injury being done to us is in the minds of our own church in distant places where prejudices are being aroused which may cause injustices in the future.

I believe that the great Methodist Episcopal Church has a right and must go to all parts of this great country. "The world is our parish." Her revival fire and spiritual force are needed every where. She is denominated by a preacher of another communion as "the greatest evangelizing agency in the world." Oh, that she may never cease to be an organized, burning, sweeping revival force everywhere. Bishop Simpson in that masterly address at the unveiling of Philip Embury's monument, speaking of the first Methodist meeting house in America, built by Embury, said: "That church had a fire place in it and all the early chapels and churches had fire places in them. Oh, would to God that all the churches today had fires at least on their altars and in their pulpits." One homiletic writer said: "The most beautiful sight in any church is a preacher in the pulpit about six feet high on fire."

When the error that we have no business in this section finds access to the mind of any one of our ministers, then he goes groping, doubting and apologizing, being thoroughly intimidated by odds against him, and as a result is made unfit for the ministry of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Our only apology for being anywhere is found in the record of work done. Oh, Zion, if I forsake thee let my tongue cleave to the roof of my mouth.

We have had revivals in almost every charge on the District. Our Pastors are religious and revivalistic and they pay close attention through out the year to the spiritual needs of their people.

SUMMARY

We have 8 Stations and 14 Circuits with 65 preaching places and as many classes or societies organized. There are 43 church buildings with 3 new ones added this year. We have 15 Parsonages with two new ones added this year. We have ready for dedication now on the District five new churches. There have been five new churches organized this year with as many new Sunday schools.

The Sunday Schools are carefully superintended and are in a good healthy condition. Our own publications are used.

The Ladies' Aid Societies of the District have worked heroically and have paid old debts on Churches and Parsonages, repaired some property and in not a few instances have paid large installments on their pastors' salaries.

Our Epworth Leagues have not been entirely successful in every place, but where ever practicable they have been organized and maintained. The young people and children are being seen after and trained, for we realize that they constitute the church of tomorrow. If we can't build our membership from the ranks of the adults we will train our children and raise up a generation that knows no sectional lines, and loves God and World-wide Methodism. For when you save a child you save a soul plus a life. This is the most fruitful method of growth. It may be a little slow, but much more lasting and permanent. Our District Conference met in Marshall and all the business delegated to this body was transacted. It was a very profitable session. Two young men were licensed as Local Preachers and the characters of all other Local Preachers were examined and passed.

I have attended to the duties assigned to me to the best of my ability, and though much is not done that we hoped to see accomplished, yet we have ground for much thanksgiving.

Either Dr. Price or Brother Faulk has visited nearly all our charges in the interest of Port Arthur College, and a greater concern for our School is being manifested by our people.

I acknowledge gratefully the assistance given me by many of the Pastors in holding Quarterly Conferences for me while detained at home on account of sickness of family.

The year's work has been strenuous, but abundantly repaid by pleasant associations with my brethren and seeing many souls saved and added to the church. All my Pastors are on the honor roll. A more faithful body of men the sun

never shone upon. God bless them and us all. The year's work is done and the record and reward rests with the Father.

I am your servant for Jesus' sake,
JAS. W. HERVEY, District Superintendent.



REPORT OF THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT

Dear Bishop and Brethren;—

In bringing you this, my third report, I wish first to express my gratitude to our God for the many blessings that have been ours during the year; and also to express my appreciation of the fellowship, and kindly co-operation of the pastors, and of the laymen of the District.

The Southern District, is composed of fourteen pastoral charges, extending from Port Arthur, Texas; to Natalbany, La.; a distance, by way of New Orleans, of nearly four hundred miles. These charges are being served by thirteen pastors. They are men of God; capable of, and, are bringing things to pass for Him. We have twenty-three Sunday Schools, nine Epworth Leagues, and a church membership of approximately thirteen hundred (1,300).

Our apportionment this year for Benevolences, is \$2,256, and for ministerial support, \$11,031, making a total for the two above items of \$13,287; or a little more than ten dollars per member. Just what has been received on these will be shown by the reports of the pastors. We raised last year for the same causes, \$12,756.

During the year, Rev. R. O. McClure was transferred to the Ohio Conference, and Rev. F. W. Loy, was transferred from the Southern Illinois Conference and stationed at St. Charles Avenue Church, New Orleans. The Church gave Brother Loy a very hearty welcome, and he began his pastorate with the promise of good success.

The last of May, Rev. Zito, with his family, went on an extended trip to Italy. Rev. Enzo Stasio, was secured to take his place. He comes well recommended, and is doing well at the First Italian Church, New Orleans. They are now quartered in the nice new, beautiful building erected this year through the efforts of Bishop Thirkield.

Through the labors of Brother Gower we have organized this year a new charge, which will appear in our Minutes as the Lutchter Circuit. This is a three point charge, and we hope will result in at least two new Churches.

The Nature of Our Work.

The territory of the Southern District for the most part comprises what was the original Gulf Mission, or the oldest

part of the Conference. As is often the case in new sections of the country, many of the people comprising the membership of our churches, did not continue with us long, but moved on to other parts of the country, leaving our churches many of them, more or less depleted in membership; Hence the nature of our work seems to be for the time at least, more especially the building of congregations rather than church buildings (though we are doing both) yet the former seems to be our special task.

I am glad to report that in this we are progressing in a most encouraging way. Crowley, which at one time was one of, if not the strongest church in the Conferences, lost so many members until it came to be one of the weakest but is fast recovering herself, and will this year present the best report in years. The same is true of Gueydan, Iowa, and Hammond, St. Charles Avenue, New Orleans, and others. We have many things that are calculated to discourage us, but we are not discouraged. All points have gone forward, making substantial gains along many, if not all lines, and the outlook is good for greater progress another year.

Our Needs.

One of our needs is a better organized, and more compact work. You will readily see how difficult it would be to do work in any connected way, with only fourteen charges scattered over a vast territory such as ours. This we hope to remedy by the organization of new work; the opportunity for which, is almost unlimited. Within our District we have great stretches of country, more or less thickly populated that have neither Protestant Church nor Gospel preaching. The people are mostly French, or are of French descent. All they have ever known in the way of a Church is the Roman Catholic Church. Many of them have lost faith in the Catholic Church and are adrift. Unless they are rescued by the Methodist Episcopal Church, or some other Protestant Church, they will drift into eternity without God.

Our next need is men to do work among this people. Men who are adapted to, and who have the heart to do it. And last, but not least, the means with which to support the men while they do the work. This will come by giving more prayerful and careful attention to our Home Missionary collections. I would not be misunderstood. I think we should be no less interested in our Foreign Missionary work; we

should not give one dollar less to that, but the time has come when we must give more attention to the Home Mission and Church Extension, collection, and more attention, and better support to our Home Missionaries. When we begin to care for our Home Missionaries as we now do for our Foreign Missionaries, then will we begin to bring things to pass in a larger way.

Port Arthur College.

I am going to speak only briefly of our School at Port Arthur, for Dr. Price will have opportunity to speak more at length, and can report it more fully. I will say first, that Port Arthur College is succeeding. We are fast passing our experimental stage, and the school is now going. There is no doubt but that this is the best year since we have had the school in charge. There is a larger attendance, a better interest, and the general temper, and atmosphere is the best ever. I am more convinced than ever, that President Price is the right man in the right place.

Our Out Look.

The out look for our work was never more promising than now. The field was never more inviting. The call was never more definit, and God's blessing never more evident. On every hand there are open doors, and calls for the message that we bring.

Let us face the coming year, with more prayerful hearts, greater devotion, and a stronger faith in God.

Respectfully,
J. Angell Carruth.



MISSIONARY APPROPRIATIONS

North Louisiana District.

Auburn and Smithdale	\$150
Gloster	150
Basile	100
Kinder	100
Elton	100
De Quincy	200
De Rider	300
Marthaville	100
Dry Prong	100
Orange	100
Quitman	200

\$1,600

Southern District.

District	\$500
Bayou Chene	240
Crowley	300
Ebenezer	100
French Mission (Sweet Lake)	400
Gueydan	100
Hammond	100
Iowa	125
New Orleans:	
St. Charles Avenue	400
First Italian	650

\$2,915

Texas District.

District	\$400
Arcadia and Liverpool	150
Atlanta and Vivian	100
Deadwood and Bethel	75
Hughes Springs and Jefferson	100
La Porte	200
Lufkin Ct.	100
Lyford and Edinburg	200
Overton, Noonday, Harleton	100
Pearland	200

Rosedale and Kirbyville	80
Shelbyville and Center	125
Winnsboro .....	.50
Woodville	80
Ore City	60
South Houston and Aldine	200
Rock Hill and Beckville	150

Total\$2,370



RESOLUTIONS.

TITHING

WHEREAS, We believe that the Word of God, the Old Testament plainly teaches that one tenth of our income belongs to the Lord, and nowhere in the New Testament can there be found anything contrary to this teaching, that would indicate a less amount, and

WHEREAS, Our Discipline also teaches the duty of tithing as Scriptural—paragraph 70—, and

WHEREAS, The pressing needs of our Church, here and elsewhere, are such as we feel that this should be the least proportionate of our giving; therefore be it,

RESOLVED, by the members of the Gulf Conference, that we indorse and adopt the tithe method of giving unto the Lord, as our financial plan of systematic giving;

That we join ourselves together in a league, pledging ourselves to appropriate this tithe first to the financial obligations of our respective charges, until all such obligations have been fully met,

That we will begin a campaign on tithe method among our people and will seek to organize tithing bands in all of our churches.

HOLINESS.

Introduced by James R. Basket.

WHEREAS, Our Discipline says: "In 1729 two young men in England, reading the Bible saw they could not be saved without holiness, followed after it and invited others to do so. In 1737 they saw likewise, that men are justified before they are Sanctified," and ,

WHEREAS, All our books on doctrine in our course of study for young preachers teach this Bible truth of entire Sanctification clearly and emphatically; and

WHEREAS, "Our Church is the only Church in history from Apostolic times until now that has put forward as its very elemental thought the great all-pervading central idea of the whole Book of God from the beginning to the end, the holi-

ness of the human heart, soul, mind and will"; and,

WHEREAS, Our church has always been loyal to this Grand Depositum of Methodism. Therefore be it

RESOLVED, by the members of the Gulf Conference in Session at Jennings, La., that we affirm our faith and confidence in the Methodist Episcopal Church in her loyalty to the doctrine of holiness and in her attitude towards those seeking the Higher Life, and be it futher

RESOLVED, That we invite the co-operation of all those who love the Church and hold this Truth in Wisdom and Love to unite with us in "Spreading Scriptural Holiness over these lands."

RESOLUTIONS PERTAINING TO THE CAMPAIGN FOR CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS FOR 1915.

WHEREAS, the Board of Conference Claimants has inaugurated a Connection-wide Campaign to raise \$5,000,000 for the Annual Conference Fund and the Permanent Fund of the Board of Conference Claimants, and

WHEREAS, this plan has been enthusiastically endorsed by a great Conference held in the City of Washington, D. C., and the Board of Bishops, and this Board has issued an appeal to the Church, calling upon the Church to lay this sum of money upon the alter of God for the support of our worthy veteran preachers.,

BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the members of the Gulf Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, heartily endorse this movement, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we make a strenuous effort during the year 1915 to raise a sum equal to \$1 per member for our permanent fund. We would advise the setting apart of the Sunday in May nearest Decoration Day for this purpose and request every pastor to preach a sermon in the interests of our veteran preachers and take subscriptions in his congregation for this purpose.

Respectfully submitted,
BOARD OF STEWARDS.

RESOLVED, That our sincere thanks be extended to our beloved Bishop Thirkield, who has come to us again in the Providence of God, for his wise and efficient administration of the business of our Conference; and for his kind and pathetic interest in us, individually and in our work; and for his unwavering confidence in the future of our Conference, and that we hereby request his appointment to preside over our Conference next year.

RESOLVED, That thanks be extended to the pastors and Mayor of Jennings for the generous way in which they have received us; to the officials of Calcasieu Trust and Savings Bank for the very great privilege of the use of their offices; and especially to the generous and big hearted people of Jennings for their gracious hospitality which they gave us in their homes, and shown us so many courtesies; for the very great kindness on the part of the Cumberland Telegraph and Telephone Company in placing a phone in the church for our use; and to the press for their interest in publishing the accounts of our Conference; and to the pastor of our local Church, the Rev. Peter Parker, for his untiring efforts he has put forth for the comfort of all.

RESOLVED, That thanks be extended to Dr. C. M. Boswell, representing the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension, Dr. Mulfinger, representing our Board of Conference Claimants, Dr. Trenery, from the Board of S. S.; D. D. Martin, representing the Board of Foreign Missions; Dr. Melvynn, representing the Freedman's Aid Society; Brother H. C. Chapman, representing the Book Concern; J. W. Hancher, representing the Board of Education, for their inspiration addresses.

RESOLVED, That we extend to Miss Latham our sincere thanks for her valued assistance in the use of her typewriter for the Conference, and to Brother E. B. Cole for his service in the Pentecostal Services during the Conference.

T. E. WEBB, Chairman.

REPORTS

BOOK CONCERN

The Methodist Book Concern is in the truest sense OUR Concern.

We appreciate the financial returns from that source which add largely to the support of our Conference Claimants.

We recognize the value of our books and periodicals, informing and strengthening our preachers and people for more efficient service.

We commend the CENTRAL CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, THE METHODIST-ADVOCATE-JOURNAL to the favorable consideration of our membership and recommend that Sunday January 17th, be known as "Advocate Day" in the Gulf Conference, and that a thorough canvass be made to secure subscribers to the Central Christian Advocate, and the Methodist Advocate-Journal or some other one of our Advocates.

F. W. Loy,
Chairman.

FREEDMAN'S AID

But a few years ago the colored man was a property asset. Fifty years have passed and, very largely by his own efforts, he has arisen from being owned to being an owner, from an unlettered being to an agency that must be reckoned with for good or ill. For good if given a chance; for ill if hindered and not helped. They have improved the opportunity allowed them and proved themselves in many instances capable of becoming leaders to their race to a higher standard of religion and morality than formerly.

With their twenty-two schools and colleges and an attendance of over six thousand students training for the various walks of life; and the fact that not one graduating from the schools under the care of our church has gone wrong, is evidence that they are entitled to and should receive as liberal support and encouragement as we possibly can give; getting therefrom a dependable class of citizens and neighbors.

It is not a question of how we may get rid of them, but

how we may best help them at once to a better circulation and not endanger our own civilization.

In order that we may best accomplish this, we pledge ourselves to do our utmost to raise the amount apportioned us for this purpose.

L. E. COWER,
Chairman.

TEMPERANCE

We are delighted with the success already achieved along Temperance lines; in the form of Local Option and State Wide Prohibition, and the sentiment that is being created against the use of tobacco and other intemperant habits, yet we appreciate very clearly the fact that there is yet very much left to be done.

Therefore, Resolve, that the Gulf Conference appoint a committee to draft a memorial to be presented to the next legislative body of each state within the bounds of the Gulf Conference; praying such body to enact such laws as will prohibit the giving, selling, and manufactory, of spirits or malt liquors in the several states.

Furthermore, that no railroad incorporation or private individual shall be allowed to carry in, or into, or from one state into another that may have prohibitory laws.

Further Resolved that the pastors of the Gulf Conference do all in their power legitimately to induce the people especially those of his charge to use their efforts to bring the above to results.

And also, that a like memorial be presented to Congress.

W. T. STOKES.
R. T. PYNES.

FOREIGN MISSIONS

It is through the Board of Foreign Missions that the Methodist Episcopal Church must carry the gospel to the thousands who have never heard of Christ. We deeply regret that our work in Foreign fields has been affected by the European War, but rejoice in the continual success of our church in the furtherance of the Kingdom of Christ.

Let us pray more earnestly for our Missionaries, and may

we pledge ourselves to a more serious endeavor to meet our apportionments for this cause, and to stimulate a missionary spirit among all our people.

G. F. SWANSON,
Chairman.

AUDITING COMMITTEE

We your Committee, have examined the records submitted to us by the Conference Treasurer of the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension and find that the money received by the Treasurer from the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension has been duly accounted for.

The Conference Secretary account has been audited.

HAUGHTON N. FAULK.

SABBATH OBSERVANCE

Seeing that the day has come when reverence for the Sabbath Day has been lost by many of our people. There is a growing tendency to lose the sacredness of that day, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that all of our preachers discourage all unnecessary work, worldly pleasures, by preaching on Sabbath Observance, warning against its desecration; that we use all our influence toward making laws protecting the day

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we by precept and example teach the people the sacredness and blessedness of that day.

(Signed)

F. M. SIMPSON,
Chairman
W. B. HEBERT,
Secretary

EPWORTH LEAGUE

Owing to the need of the social and moral development of our young people, Methodism has raised up an organization known as the Epworth League. Its years of achievement has proved that it meets the desired need.

THEREFORE, we recommend to each pastor the organ-

ization and maintenance wherever practicable, and also to put the Epworth Herald in the hands of all League members.

We earnestly pledge to co-operate with the Central Office in developing the young of our Church.
(Signed)

R. T. PYNES.
E. N. HARDIN.
PETER PARKER.

STATE OF THE CHURCH

The continued growth of the Church gives cause for thanksgiving. We are glad to note that there is a general awakening in all our Boards on the real meaning and work of the Church.

We are coming to see that the Church that serves best, worships best, and are glad to find much greater interest in the work for both adults and children.

We will pray for the day to come when our churches are the center of all our community life.

THOS. E. WEBB.
G. B. HINES.
T. J. SHRODE.

MEMOIRS

Rev. Thomas Wilson was born in Ireland and, as a soldier in the Crimean War, did faithful service. He came to the United States in the early sixties and from 1866-76 was a student in the Academy of Northwestern University. In 1871 he entered the Ministry and remained for a few years when he retired from the active work of the Ministry and took up his work in Sabine Pass, where he taught school and preached when opportunity offered, up to a short time before his death.

Brother Wilson had peculiar ideas on some subjects but was always a champion for right, and up to his death took a keen interest in the affairs of the Church. In the last conversation with his pastor, Brother Wilson gave a definite testimony to his abiding faith in God; and when the end came, just fell peacefully asleep to awaken in the presence of Him whom his soul loved.

When the Master has worked out his purpose in us here, we expect to clasp our Brother's hand over there.

J. WOODSON.
J. W. LIVELY.
N. L. SAYERS,
Chairman.

BOARD OF SUNDAY SCHOOLS

Mr. President and Brethren of the Gulf Conference:

We, your Committee for the Board of Sunday Schools, beg to submit the following report:

The Sunday School is one of our greatest assets. We cannot over-estimate this great work. We are just becoming awakened to its tremendous responsibilities. As another has said, "The greatest discovery of the last century has been the discovery of the children." Our interest in the Sunday School denotes the extent to which we, as a Conference have made this discovery.

The Sunday School of the Methodist Episcopal Church is the largest organization of its kind in the world. The Sunday School Board of our great church is its head. We, with our four and a quarter million scholars have before us unlimited possibilities. This Board is doing great work. In the first six years of its history we had a net increase of one-million scholars.

We now come to speak of the way the Sunday School Board is standing behind our work in our own Conference. We have had with us at this session, Dr. Trenary, of Chicago, who in a masterful speech laid before us the work and possibilities as well as the tremendous responsibilities of the Sunday School work. This great man is a God-send to us at this time. We thank God and take courage.

The Board has also shown us the interest it has in us by giving us our beloved Harry S. White to labor within our bounds. Brother White has been and is still pouring out his life and labors on the altar of our Conference. We appreciate these men of God.

We now come to a last word in closing. Our Conference has put itself on record and chosen for its slogan, "Three-thousand Scholars for the Year 1915." This means greater labor, greater sacrifice, and greater consecration on the part we are to share, but the God of Battles will defend us. Let us go forward under the direction of our great Sunday School Board, fighting as for eternity.

Respectfully submitted,

C. A. PERKINS,
J. H. BEEDLE.
F. W. LOY.

HOME MISSIONS AND CHURCH EXTENSION

The Gulf Conference regards the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension as one of its most important Boards.

We note with pleasure that, notwithstanding these times of financial unrest, occasioned by the most horrible war in the World's history, this Board of our great Church is standing nobly by our work here.

Our Conference has, before it, a large and needy field with an ever-increasing area, and we earnestly request the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension for its continued interest and benevolence.

We heartily pledge this great Board our support.

C. A. PERKIN.

F. J. ENSIGN.

G. B. HINS.

AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY

The Word of God is the Christian's equipment for warfare as well as his spiritual food. On account of the plenitude of reading matter in our time, there is the danger of forgetting the Bible. In many homes it is the neglected Book.

We, therefore, urge upon our pastors to organize Bible Study Classes and in all ways possible to encourage the study of God's Holy Work and support the American Bible Society by taking the collection.

W. I. GATES, Chairman.

W. S. FRANKLIN.

EDUCATION

The Board of Education is the tap-root of the educational system of the Church. As never before, it is planning and working for the youth and the educational institutions of our land. It merits our loyal cooperation.

The Children's Day Collection belongs to the Student's Loan Fund and can be legally used for no other purpose. To fail to take it must hinder a poor boy or girl somewhere in the effort to get an education.

The "Public Educational Collection," as sent out by the

General Conference Commission on Finance, should have our careful attention. Eighty per cent of this collection in this Conference goes to the maintenance of Port Arthur College. The remaining twenty per cent goes to the Board of Education for its Aid of Institution's Fund.

Th General Conference Commission o Finance at its Annual Meeting, May 6, 1914, apportioned \$150,000 for education to be raised in "One Public Educational Collection" as ordered by the General Conference of 1912 (discipline, paragraph 456.) This is not an increase. The Commission on Finance simply adds to the amount it formerly apportioned for the Board of Education, the apportionment of Port Arthur College, which the Annual Conference hereto added.

All funds raised for education should be reported on the Pastor's Blanks and on the Conference Treasurer's Blanks as follows: (a) Under "Public Educational Collection," the total amount raised to meet the apportionment of the Commission on Finance in one item. The Treasurer is hereby authorized to send 20 per cent of the amount so recorded this year to the Board of Education at New York City, and 80 per cent to our Port Arthur College at Port Arthur, Texas. (b) Under "Children's Fund," the Children's Day Collection for the Student Loan Fund. (c) Under "Conference Educational Collection," all funds raised to pay subscriptions or an endowment, or for any other purpose not included in "a" or "b" above.

We rejoice in the prosperity of Port Arthur College this year and hereby pledge ourselves anew to its support. We will encourage our young people, so far as we are able, to attend it. We will remember it and them at the Throne of Grace, and we will seek to do our utmost to carry out the program for its extension as outlined by the Special Committee. We ratify the nominations of the following trustees; A. J. Price, term to expire, 1915; and J. W. Hervey, E. D. Smith, G. B. Hines, Bishop Thirkield, W. C. Mann, S. Arthur Knapp, W. P. Mann, Jr., term to expire 1914.

We cordially approve the Wise and efficient management of President Arthur J. Price and assure him that our pulpits are always open to him for a presentation of the College and its interests. He has gathered about him a corps of most excellent teachers to whose hands the parents in our charges may confidently commit the guidance and instruc-

tion of their youth. The College Dormitory, under the matronly direction of Mrs. Cann, affords a home where all comforts of the student-body are provided and where their complete welfare is carefully guarded and looked after. We commend Port Arthur College to all parents of our Church who are considering a school to which they may send their youth .

J. W. HERVEY,
Chairman.

Sunday School Statistics, Texas District, Gulf Conference, for 1914

NAMES OF CHARGES	SUNDAY SCHOOLS													
	Sunday Schools	Officers and Teachers	Total Enrollment in all Departments, including Cradle Roll, H. Dep't., Officers, Teachers and Scholars	Scholars of all Grades	Average Attendance of All Grades	Members in the Home Department	Children on the Cradle Roll	Officers and Teachers who are Church Members or Probationers	Scholars, including the Home Church Members or Probationers	Members of Sunday School Converted during the Conference Year	Collections for the Board of Sunday Schools			Sunday School Expenses, Lesson Leaves, Books, Etc.
											Church	Sunday School	Ten per cent of S. Missionary Offering	
Alvin	1	31	233	190	112		12	31	124	16	2		8	127
Angelina	1	5	50											40
Arcadia and San Leon	1	15	115	75	100		25	14	40	17	4		1	65
Atlanta	1	6	45	39	38			5	6		5			23
Austin														
Deadwood	2	15	165	150	111			16	85	22	2			31
Edinburg	1	12	92	40	48			12	30	1				6
Houston—Cottage Heights	1	8	83	75										
Houston Heights	1	21	302	235	153	22	24	20	125	18	2	8	6	216
Hughes Springs and Jefferson	4	27	182	135	100			26						90
Kirbyville and Rosedale	1	5	35											
La Porte	1	15	100	85	70			15	40					60
Lyford	1	18	83	54	40	7	14	8	40			6		110
Marshall	1	18	172	130	85		24	17	50	16	2	2	3	79
Overton, Noonday and Hasleton														
Pearland and Aldine	2	17	160	143	100			6	40	15		4		65
Rockhill and Beckville	1	9	89	80	52			9	46	23		2		12
San Antonio—Trinity	1	17	135	112	52	12	8	17						4
William's Chapel														
Shelbyville and Center														
South Houston	1	18	45											
Texas City	1	19	250	169			20	19	50	40		8	10	138
Winnaboro and Ore City	1	6	25											
Woodville	4	19	135	116	80									
TOTAL	21	253	2143	1637	961	41	127	215	636	158	13	30	28	1001

SUNDAY SCHOOLS

NAMES OF CHARGES	SUNDAY SCHOOLS															
	Sunday Schools		Officers and Teachers	Total Enrollment in all Departments, including Officers, Teachers and Scholars	Scholars of all Grades	Average Attendance of All Grades	Members in the Home Departments	Children on the Cradle Roll	Officers and Teachers who are Church Members or Probationers	Scholars, including the Home Department Members or Probationers	Members of Sunday School Converted during the Conference Year	Collections for the Board of Sunday Schools			Ten per cent of S. S. Missionary Offering	Sunday School Expenses, Lesson Leaves, Books, Etc.
	Officers	Teachers										Church	Sunday School			
Auburn and Smithdale	5	27	225	203	139			20	125	20	20	8				30
Basile	1	7	65	58	43			11								55
De Ridder	1	11	104	93	80											61
DeQuincy and Reeves	2	17	175	123	110			35								20
Dry Prong	3	18	108					10	32	25						20
Elton and Raymond	2	12	140	115	57			13	5	4						20
Gloter	2	13	152	129	70			10	13	6						61
Kind	1	9	116	87	64		4	16	8							34
Livonia																
Marthaville	3	13	100	87	65			12	73	15						20
Oakdale and Oberlin	2	12	92	80	70			3	10							34
Orange	1	8	98	58	55		30	5								
Pineville																
Quitman	3	13	97	84												
Sabine	4	12	230	217												
Vivian																
TOTAL	30	166	1760	1334	753		34	74	87	310	79	11	10	1		200

Sunday School Statistics, Southern District, Gulf Conference, (Continued)

Bayou Chene	9	22	478	318	110	140	18	20	290			4			20
Crowley	1	12	120	90	45			12	50			4			50
Ebenezer	2	16	183	136	88	9	20	18	125	15		2		2	60
French Mission and Sweet Lake	2	11	67	56	43			7	14	6		2		1	24
Gueydan	1	5	40	35	22			5	30	25					34
Hammond and Natalbany	2	12	112	100	25			10				2			36
Iowa	2	12	112	100	25			10							35
Jennings	3	15	153	115	65		23	14	45	28				3	35
Lake Charles	1	23	175	120	85	20	12	23	12					7	171
Lake Charles	1	24	236	174	116	74	24	23	123	9				5	130
Lutcher Circuit	1	14	116	90	71		12	10	24	4				4	41
New Orleans—First Italian	1	6	50	14	15			4		2					
Port Arthur	1	9	56	50	30			6							
—St. Charles Ave.	1	9	120	81	45	15	15	9	30			4		3	32
Welsh	1	17	270	184	115		59	16							212
	1	27	265	181	55	17	30	25	85	10		7		4	115
TOTAL	22	221	2471	1762	930	275	213	202	838	103		22	23	24	960

Conference Treasurer's Report, Texas District, Texas District, Gulf Conference, for 1914

NAMES OF CHARGES	DISCIPLINARY BENEVOLENCES												OTHER ITEMS																						
	MISSIONS			ED.			B. of Conf.			W. H.			Total Dis'ty. Benevolences	Christians Ship	War Fund	Total Benevolences	Support of Conference Chairmans	Support of Bishops Episcopal Fund	General Conference Expenses	GRAND TOTAL															
	Church	Special Gifts	Sunday Schools	Church	Sunday Schools	Freedmen's Aid Society	Public Ed'l. Collection	Children's Fund	Conf. Educational Collections	Church	Sunday Schools, Total	Bd. Con. Chm's. Chicago									Ann'l. Conf. Investments	Church Temperance Society	Woman's Foreign Mis. Society	Cash	Supplies	American Bible Society	Cen. Office Expense, E. L.	Total Dis'ty. Benevolences	B. B. Allen						
																														Board of F. Missions and C. Ex.	B. of H. M.	B. of Ed.	S. S.	Cl's.	M. S.
Alvin	55	20	34	50	34	12	6	6	24	2	8	4	8	36	38	20	5	362	55	14	434	16	9	3	464										
Angeline	6		2																																
Arcadia and San Leon	14	4	4	11	4	4	4	3	10	5	1	2	1					2	61		21	3	2		26										
Atlanta																																			
Austin																																			
Deadwood	18			17			2	2		2			1					1	43		43	5	2		78										
Edinburg																																			
Houston-College Heights																																			
Houston Heights	20		27	20	27	1	14	10	2	14	2		1	81				1	3	221	2	223	25	10	1	258									
Hughes Springs and Jefferson	5			10														18				18	5	5		28									
Kirbyville and Rosedale																																			
La Porte	14		5	16				6	5			2						36				36	6	3	1	46									
Lyford	5		2				2	1										28				28	4	4	1	37									
Marshall	26		13	17	13		3		2		5	3						82				82	12	8		102									
Overtown, Noonday and Harleton	10			8														23				23	3	2		28									
Parland and Aldine																		4				4	2	1		42									
Rock Hill and Beckville	11			10		3	2	3	2	4		2						35				35	4	2											
San Antonio-Trinity	30		18	25	18	7	5	12	2	2	4		1	13	23	40	1	198				198	17	8		223									
William's Chapel																																			
Shelbyville and Center		35		20														63				63	7	3	2	75									
South Houston																																			
Texas City	67		45	45	45	5	13	3	2	8	10	5	2					5	2	257	1	258	20	10	3	291									
Winnboro and Ore City																																			
Woodville	3			35														43				43	3	4		50									
TOTAL	284	55	145	295	145	35	32	48	63	36	42	19	18	130	61	60	17	8	1465	55	16	1570	140	79	14	1809									

Treasurer's Report Southern District, Gulf Conference, (Continued)

NAMES OF CHARGES	DISCIPLINARY BENEVOLENCES												OTHER ITEMS					GRAND TOTAL																	
	MISSIONS			ED.			B. of Conf.			W. H.			Junior League	St. Charles Ave. Church Debt	Salvation Army	Italian Church	Total Benevolences																		
	Church	Special Gifts	Sunday Schools	Church	Special Gifts	Sunday Schools	Freedmen's Aid Society	Public Ed'l. Collection	Children's Fund	Conf. Educational Collections	Church	Sunday Schools, Total	Bd. Con. Cims. Chicago	Ann'l. Conf. Investments	Church Temperance Society	Woman's Foreign Mss. Society	Cash	Supplies	American Bible Society	City Mss. or Ex. Society	Gen. Office Expenses E. L.	Methodist Brotherhood Dues	Total Dist'y. Benevolences												
Bayou Chene	27	60	23	8	4	5	2	3	15	5	3	4	6	7	3	1								60	6	193	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	63
Crowley	38	10	32	5	1	2	8	4	5	1	2	2	2	3	1								193	3	39	6	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	206
French Mission and Sweet Lake	10	3	5	6	1	1	6	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1							2	10	8	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	42	
Ebenezer	15	15	13	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1							1	8	10	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	48	
Gueydan and Natalbany	2	2	25	3	2	2	5	1	2	7	3	2	2	1	1							9	10	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	25	
Hammond	28	2	25	14	5	5	14	5	5	7	3	3	3	3	3							66	10	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	89	
Iowa	88	60	29	54	76	29	29	2	6	5	5	4	4	4	4							238	24	18	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	277
Jennings	30	30	20	8	17	4	17	4	2	4	11	3	4	10	2							263	6	12	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	131
Lake Charles	12	12	6	14	14	3	14	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3							6	6	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	6	
Lutcher Circuit	10	10	6	14	14	3	14	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3							111	111	95	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	111	
New Orleans—First Italian	23	23	39	22	7	5	22	7	5	4	5	7	20	15	15							171	171	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	239
—St. Charles Ave.	50	40	22	47	22	5	22	5	5	8	20	11	10	10	10							5	5	200	200	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	350
Port Arthur	170	170	128	250	90	109	43	37	34	82	24	45	45	45	45							21	21	1533	1533	201	201	201	201	201	201	201	201	201	1852
Wells	803	803	170	128	250	90	109	43	37	34	82	24	45	45	45							44	44	5	5	1489	1489	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7
TOTAL	803	803	170	128	250	90	109	43	37	34	82	24	45	45	45							44	44	5	5	1489	1489	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7

NAME OF CHARGE.		CH. MEMBERSHIP.				EP.L.G.		CHURCH PROPERTY						GEN. CON. EXP.								
NAME OF PASTOR.		Pr'b'rs		Full Members		Senior Members	Junior Members	Churches	Estimated Value	Parsonages	Estimated Value	Paid for Bldgs. and Improvements on Churches and Parsonages	Paid on Old Indebtedness on Churches and Parsonages	Present Indebtedness on Churches and Parsonages	Current Expenses—Sexton, Fuel, Light, Etc.	Apportioned for Quadrennium	Balance Due for Quadrennium	Paid This Year				
		Members on Roll		Non-Resident Members															Local Preachers		Deaths During Year	
		Enrolled During Year	Now on Roll	Members on Roll	Non-Resident Members														Local Preachers	Deaths During Year		
Auburn and Smithdale.....	T. F. Swanson.....	4	315	97	2	6	.....	4	3600	1	800	63	250	.....	31	.....	1	.....			
Basile.....	C. C. Beasley.....	6	20	20	2	.....	.....	1	1000	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
DeRidder.....	E. N. Hardin.....	.....	50	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	2700	.....	.....	.....	.....	450	35	.....	.....	.....	
DeQuincy and Reeves.....	W. S. Franklin.....	.....	164	75	.....	1	.....	1	2000	1	800	650	125	75	30	3	.....	.....		
Dry Pronge.....	G. W. Rockhold.....	.....	194	30	3	.....	.....	3	2000	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Elton and Raymond.....	N. L. Sayer.....	4	30	50	.....	1	.....	1	2050	.....	.....	144	105	105	29	3	.....	.....		
Gloster.....	R. B. Ellis.....	13	200	45	.....	.....	.....	2	1500	1	1500	113	.....	95	25	4	.....	.....		
Kinder.....	Geo. C. Struching.....	56	.....	17	.....	.....	.....	1	3300	1	600	2267	.....	.....	49	.....	.....	.....	
Livonia.....	A. M. Wynne.....	.....	183	43	5	.....	.....	1	600	.....	.....	200	.....	30	30	.....	.....	.....	
Marthaville.....	B. G. Swanson.....	1	10	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	2500	.....	.....	.....	.....	35	.....	.....	.....	.....
Oakdale and Oberlin.....	J. R. Hegby.....	.....	71	21	.....	2	.....	2	1000	.....	.....	.....	.....	50	14	.....	.....	.....	
Orange.....	E. N. Hardin.....	.....	50	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	1000	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Pineville.....	.....	.....	58	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	1300	.....	.....	32	50	50	.....	.....	.....	.....
Quitman.....	O. L. Bennett.....	25	132	.....	.....	1	.....	1	800	1	400	800	400	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Sabine.....	C. A. Perkins.....	5	5	74	.....	1	.....	3	3000	1	1400	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Vivian.....	H. M. Hughes.....	41	124	1678	313	18	7	27	30050	5	5500	4269	930	805	278	12	7	5				
TOTAL.....	41	124	1678	313	18	7	27	30050	5	5500	4269	930	805	278	12	7	5				

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MINISTERIAL SUPPORT																				
NAME OF CHARGE.	NAME OF PASTOR.	Support of Pastor			Sup. of D. Supt.	Claim	Paid	Claim	Paid	Sup. of Bish'ps	Sup. of C. C'ts	Total Paid for Ministerial Support			Total Deficiency	SUNDAY SCHOOLS			BAPTISMS	
		Total Claim, Inc. House Rent	Total Paid, Inc. House Rent	Rental Value of Parsonage								Deficiency	Sunday Schools	Officers and Teachers		Total Enrollment in all Depts.	Adults Baptized	Children Baptized	Baptized Children Under Ins. as Pbs.	
Bayou Chene	W. R. Newton	300	157	143	40	40	3	1	3	6	6	204	145	18	22	478	19	28	26	
Crowley	R. L. Weldon	750	750	150	60	60	6	3	3	8	8	819	119	1	12	183	1	8	6	
Ebenezer	A. L. Harper	540	425	40	115	50	48	7	5	10	10	488	119	2	15	188	1	11	...	
French Mission, Sweet Lake	W. B. Hebert	390	391	60	...	40	40	3	3	8	8	442	134	2	15	67	1	7	...	
Gruydan	F. M. Simpson	300	170	130	...	30	34	4	2	10	8	242	134	2	15	40	12	...	...
Hammond and Natalbany	S. H. Yockey	680	180	...	...	30	35	4	4	10	10	725	...	3	12	112	2	...	...
Iowa	F. M. Simpson	448	448	60	...	35	35	4	4	10	10	492	...	3	15	153	2	...	...
Jennings	Peter Parker	1440	1440	240	...	120	120	12	12	24	24	1596	...	1	23	175	4	5	9	
Lake Charles	G. B. Hines	1700	1700	300	...	200	200	18	18	60	60	1978	...	1	24	296	6	11	19	
Latcher	L. E. Gower	900	900	120	...	50	50	8	12	10	12	974	...	1	14	116	3	...	...
Latcher Circuit	L. E. Gower	...	236	...	12	12	...	...	...	...	...	248	...	1	6	20	...	...	...
New Orleans	Enzo Stasio	...	630	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	6	56	4	...	25
First Italian	Frank Loy	660	630	...	30	60	40	...	...	...	...	670	50	1	9	120	...	2	...
St. Charles Ave.	Frank Loy	2240	2240	240	...	100	100	15	15	25	25	2380	...	1	17	270	...	11	9	
Port Arthur	Earnest D. Smith	1100	1100	100	...	120	120	12	12	25	25	1257	...	1	27	265	10	...	...
Welsh	Thos. E. Webb	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	22	221	2471	59	90	88
TOTAL		11448	11267	1490	418	935	929	97	95	201	201	12492	448	22	221	2471	59	90	88	

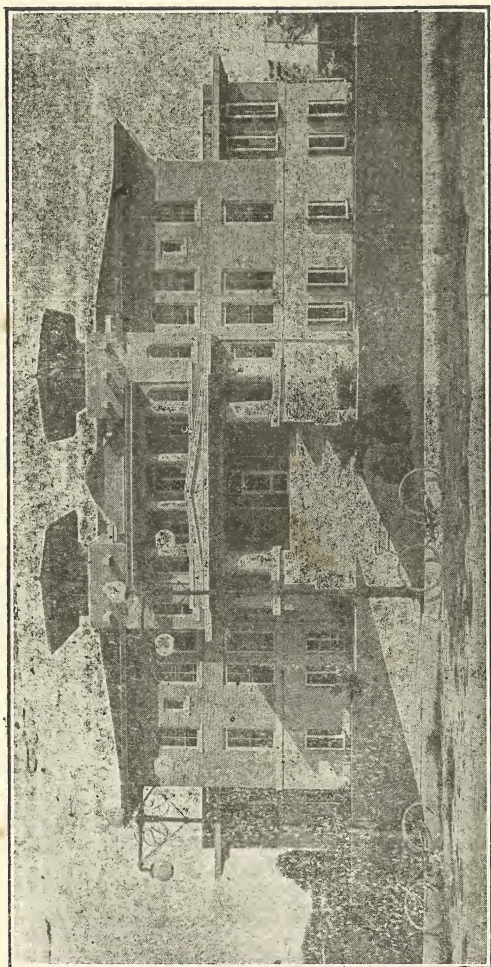
NAME OF CHARGE.	NAME OF PASTOR.	CH. MEMBERSHIP.				EP.LG.		CHURCH PROPERTY										GEN. CON. EXP.							
		Full Members				Enrolled During Year	Now on Roll	Members on Roll	Non-Resident Members	Local Preachers	Deaths During Year	Senior Members	Junior Members	Churches	Estimated Value	Parsonages	Estimated Value	Paid for Bldgs. and Improvements on Churches and Parsonages	Paid on Old Indebtedness on Churches and Parsonages	Present Indebtedness on Churches and Parsonages	Current Expenses—Sexton, Fuel, Light, Etc.	Apportioned for Quadrennium	Balance Due for Quadrennium	Paid This Year	
		Pr'b's																							
Bayou Chene	W. R. Newton.	47	36	224	1	1	23	36	3	1400	1	3000	80	40	40	4	1	2							
Crowley	R. L. Wendon.	1	5	79	2	3	1	26	1	7000	1	3000	283	240	56	4	1	2							
Ebenezer	A. L. Harper	3	3	125	1	1	33	24	1	2000	1	300	65	40	4	2	4	2							
French Mission, Sweet Lake.	W. B. Hebert.	10	10	22	1	1	25	25	2	200	1	500	30	140	2	4	1	7							
Gueydan	F. M. Simpson	12	2	56	4	1	25	25	2	1750	1	500	30	140	2	4	1	7							
Hammond and Natalbany	S. H. Yockey	2	25	25	1	1	25	25	2	1500	1	500	5	25	4	1	7	7							
Iowa	F. M. Simpson.	2	14	79	4	1	25	25	2	1500	1	500	5	25	4	1	7	7							
Jennings	Peter Parker	9	9	143	7	1	58	58	1	4500	1	2250	236	378	12	3	3	3							
Lake Charles	G. B. Hines.	9	46	171	1	1	58	58	1	14500	1	3500	2005	3701	378	12	3	3							
Lutcher Circuit	L. E. Gower	1	5	46	1	1	10	10	1	2800	1	2800	25	30	30	5	2	3							
New Orleans, First Italian.	Enzo Stasio	2	2	60	3	1	18	18	1	10000	1	4000	3000	3000	30	5	2	3							
Port Arthur	Frank W. Loy.	1	1	91	1	1	18	18	1	20000	1	20000	268	130	5618	85	9	9							
Welsh	Earnest D. Smith.	4	4	141	24	3	18	18	1	5000	1	2500	50	50	25	9	2	25							
TOTAL	Thos. E. Webb.	112	159	1385	54	14	8280	87	18	77150	9	18051	2746	13012804	1091	71	23	25							

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NAME OF CHARGE.	CH. MEMBERSHIP.				EP.LG.		CHURCH PROPERTY							GEN. CON. EXP.				
	Pr'b'rs	Full Members			Senior Members	Junior Members	Churches	Estimated Value	Parsonages	Estimated Value	Paid for Bldgs. and Improvements on Churches and Parsonages	Paid on Old Indebtedness on Churches and Parsonages	Present Indebtedness on Churches and Parsonages		Current Expenses—Sexton, Fuel, Light, Etc.	Apportioned for Quadrennium	Balance Due for Quadrennium	
		Now on Roll	Members on Roll	Non-Resident Members														Local Preachers	Deaths During Year
NAME OF PASTOR.	Enrolled During Year	1	8	132	2	1	3	96	16	1	2500	1	1500	243	400	96	3	
Alvin	T. J. Shrode			128		1					1600			300		50		
Angelina	H. I. Ellington			122		1					4000			56	6	250	2	
Andria and San Leon	Nye Lillard and C. A. Elliott	2		62	7						2000		1000	50		28		
Austin	Geo. L. Jones			27							1250	1	800	30	150	14		
Deadwood	Geo. L. Harper	24		203		2					2000	1	250	30	150	14		
Edinburg	E. L. Jones	1		29				28				1	750	471	279	10		
Houston	H. H. McCain			11							1000					30		
College Heights	H. H. McCain			11				40			5000		2300	62	126	108	230	
Houston Heights	H. H. McCain	3		27	5	2		15			6500	1	1000	20	100	40	1	
Hughes Springs & Jefferson	J. H. Beadle			8		1												
Kirbyville and Rosedale	T. J. Jacks			13		1												
La Porte	B. T. Bell	3		101	14	1								120		50	1	
Lyford	F. J. Ensign			9	37	2		25			2000					40	4	
Marshall	E. C. Mann	5		130	14			30			10000		2500	20	289	90	1	
Noonday, Harleton	W. T. Stokes			9	39	10	5				3000	1	700	50				
Pearland and Aldine	W. I. Gates	11		4	89	9		2	50		1500	1	1000	800	200	125		
Rock Hill and Beckville	R. T. Pynes	17		7	90	23	1	3			3000	1	1500	10	52	20	1	
San Antonio, Trinity	Harry C. Leonard	12		21	134			50	25		45000	1	500					
Williams' Chapel											3000	1	1250					
Shelbyville and Center	J. M. Kenna	30		259		2					5500	1	600	100	100		2	
South Houston	T. Bell	12		52	16						4000							
Texas City	J. R. Basket	5		8	30	3		40	35		3500	1	2000	50	85	65		
Winnabow and Ore City	J. A. Sigman	8		125	20	1					2000					227		
Woodville				151	20	1					5187			855				
TOTAL		146	157	2449	125	17	183	814	86	40	114837	15	17650	3237	758	1442	4	11

NAME OF DISTRICT and SUPERINTENDENT	CH. MEMBERSHIP.					EP. LG.		CHURCH PROPERTY							GEN. CON EXP.			
	Pr'b'rs		Full Members			Senior Members	Junior Members	Churches	Estimated Value	Parsonages	Estimated Value	Paid for Bldgs. and Improvements on Churches and Parsonages	Paid on Old Indebtedness on Churches and Parsonages	Present Indebtedness on Churches and Parsonages	Current Expenses—Sexton, Fuel, Light, Etc.	Apportioned for Quadrennium	Paid This Year	Balance Due for Quadrennium
	Enrolled During Year	Now on Roll	Members on Roll	Non-Resident Members	Local Preachers														Deaths During Year
NORTH LOUISIANA	41,124	167,813	18	7	18	7	27	30050	5	5500	4269	930	805	278	12	7	5	
Last year.	85	48	1627	290	25	9	40	78	25	26950	5	4900	1839	401	2046	402	8	5
Increase.	6	76	51	..	..	..	..	..	..	600	2980	529	..	1241	..	..	3	..
Decrease.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
SOUTHERN	112,159	138,554	14	8	280	18	77	150	..	18051	2746	130	12804	1091	1241	71	23	25
Last year.	84	228	1247	63	6	16	234	134	20	80300	10	17950	691	880	1341	1164	25	25
Increase.	28	69	138	..	8	..	46	..	..	101	2055	..	..	..	..	71	..	..
Decrease.	..	..	..	9	..	8	47	2	3150	1	..	..	250	607	78	..	2	..
TEXAS	146,187	244,912	15	17	18314	86	40	114837	15	17650	3237	758	1442	1185	4	11	2	..
Last year.	195	211	2395	113	17	18	336	125	40	112982	13	19675	6820	1332	2162	1489	24	..
Increase.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Decrease.	49	34	54	12	..	..	39	..	1755	2	..	..	..	..	..	4	13	..
Grand totals	299,470	551,249	49	33	594	173	85	222087	29	41201	10252	1818	15051	2554	87	41	32	..



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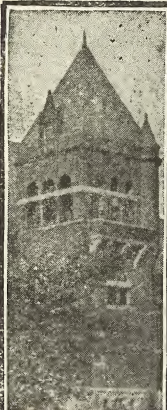
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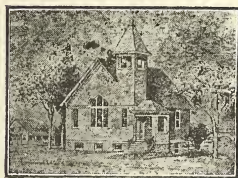
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Loans and Discounts	\$ 724,469.16
Overdrafts	None
United States Bonds, par	120,000.00
Bonds, Securities, etc.	202,426.80
Stock in Federal Reserve Bank	2,500.00
Banking House, Furniture, Fixtures	10,000.00
Other Real Estate Owned	4,107.00
Total Cash and Sight Exchange	286,944.07
	<u>\$1,350,447.03</u>

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock	\$ 100,000.00
Surplus and Undivided Profits	214,029.81
Circulation	85,000.00
Total Deposits	951,417.22
	<u>\$1,350,447.03</u>

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